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Stranger raising cash to help after thieves torch classic car

By George Welch

A KIND-HEARTED stranger wanting to show the other side of humanity to a grandfather whose classic car was torched has set up a fundraiser to 'make this gent's life better'.

Bill England's 1965 Magnette was taken from outside his home in Harcourt Way, Wantage, sometime after 11pm on February 21.

Following widespread appeals for information about the missing car, it was found two days later by police torched in Bradfield near Reading.

Alex Singleton, a fellow enthusiast, responded by launching a JustGiving page to raise £10,000 for Mr England to either repair or replace his 'pride and joy'. Around £2,000 has been raised so far.

The 33-year-old mechanical engineer described what happened as "abhorrent".

"It's a senseless act of destruction by someone with no regard or understanding of the impact of their actions," the Northamptonshire man, who has not even met Mr England, told the Guardian.

"When they stole and burnt that car it was not just a possession, but a hobby, interest, family way of life and a barrage of unique life-long memories for Bill and his family."

Mr England, 87, has owned the car, which still had the original paintwork, for 40 years. He has seen the pictures

and is 'devastated' by the damage.

The extent of the destruction includes serious damage to the interior and floor pan, roof and engine bay.

It is an 'exceptionally rare' vehicle and few BMC Farina cars survive – the MG variety is among the rarest.

Mr Singleton said that, as a classic car owner himself, he knows only too well how much time, care, money and work goes into looking after it.

"They truly become a part of the family," he said.

"No amount of money can honestly replace the irreplaceable, but it can help towards the cost of repairing or buying another classic, or even just to give Bill a holiday following on from this horrible experience."

"Bill has sadly seen the cruelty of others first hand, let's show him the kindness of others and give towards making this gent's life better."

Mr England also has a striped back A60 Cambridge which he has owned for more than 30 years.

Nearly 140 supporters have so far raised around £2,000 towards the £10,000 target.

One of them to lend a hand is Mark Jones, who said: "I hope a replacement car can bring you some comfort and enjoyment, even if it cannot replace your loss."

Contact police on 101 quoting reference number 43180054944 if you have any information on the incident.

Visit tinyurl.com/y7dueqja to donate.



Bill England with his 1965 Magnette which was stolen and torched last month, inset – now fellow car enthusiast Alex Singleton who has never met Mr England is trying to raise money to repair or replace it
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Roger Bannister tributes: 'A legend and inspiration'

By Owen Hughes

A 'LIVING legend' and a 'man of great distinction' are just two of the tributes that have been paid to Sir Roger Bannister who died on Saturday, aged 88.

Sir Roger ensured his place among the sporting greats when he became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes.

He only held the record achieved at the Iffley Road sports ground in Oxford on May 6, 1954 for 46 days but it was enough to earn his place in the history books.

A statement from his family said: "Sir Roger Bannister, died peacefully in Oxford on 3 March, aged 88, surrounded by his family who were as loved by him, as he was loved by them.

"He banked his treasure in the hearts of his friends."

The middle-distance runner studied and worked at the University of Oxford where he was an active member of the Athletics Club, achieving victories in the Varsity Match Mile (1948, 1949 and 1950) and cross country (1949).

In a career littered with outstanding sporting achievements, Sir Roger became Empire & Commonwealth Champion at the mile in 1954, European Champion at 1500m, and was fourth at the 1952 Olympic Games.

He was awarded a knighthood in 1975 before his appointment as president of the World Sports Council



Sir Roger Bannister pictured with the shoes he wore to break the record - they were sold at auction in September 2015 for £266,500

the following year.

In 1977, he became the first Briton to win West Germany's Hans-Heinrich Siegbert prize for services to sport.

In addition to his prowess on the track, Sir Roger was also a globally renowned neurologist, doctor and academic.

Ever humble, he said: "None of my athletics was the greatest achievement.

"My medical work has been my achievement and my family with 14 grandchildren. Those are real achievements."

Professor Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, said: "Roger Bannister epitomised what it means to be a living legend.

"He was a regular presence at university events and remained

committed to Oxford University to the end, engaging with students, challenging academics, and inspiring all of us."

Lord Patten of Barnes, Chancellor of Oxford University, said he was "a man of great distinction" and "we will miss him enormously".

Lord Coe, president of athletics' world governing body the IAAF, two-time Olympic 1500m gold medallist for Great Britain, said: "There is not a single athlete of my generation who was not inspired by Roger and his achievements both on and off the track."

Sir Roger had been diagnosed with the neurological disorder Parkinson's disease in 2011, adding: "It's in the nature of things, there's a gentle irony to it."

InBrief

Burglar sought

AN e-fit image of a man police want to speak to in connection with a burglary in Botley has been released.

A thief stole jewellery, ornaments, clothing and cash from Denton Close between 8am and 7.10pm on January 30.



The man in the e-fit is described as white, in his early thirties, around 6ft 1in tall and of an average build with noticeably clear skin.

He was wearing a long sleeved, light grey jacket, light coloured workman's trousers and black and white trainers.

Contact police on 101 if you have information.

£9m for cancer trials

AN Oxford-based cancer vaccine firm has secured around £9million in funding to create two clinical trials to treat cervical cancer and solid tumours.

A consortium of South Korean and Chinese investors provided biopharma company Oxford Vacmedix with the funds to complete its preclinical development.

OVM founder Shisong Jiang said: "We hope our effort will eventually benefit the health of many patients."

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Is it a car or a snow drift in middle of the road?

A car almost totally submerged by last week's snow was spotted by a member of the South Central Ambulance Service.

Call handler Karen was travelling home from her shift

on Sunday when she saw the white front bumper poking out from underneath several feet of snow.

She spotted the buried car on Charlbury Road, the B4026 in north Oxfordshire, and took

to social media to raise the alarm.

An SCAS tweet said: "Call handler Karen [is] keen to let the owner of this vehicle know that it is now slowly reappearing out of the snow!"

Son follows in father's footsteps and treads boards at theatre

THERE was a poignant twist when theatre director Edward Hall officially re-opened the Wallingford Corn Exchange on Friday – nearly 40 years after his dad Sir Peter Hall first opened it.

After a £650,000 renovation programme to replace the roof, heating and ventilation and several items of theatre equipment, the Corn Exchange finally reopened its doors in January with a performance of Cinderella.

The popular Market Place venue is also resplendent with new seats and carpet and freshly painted walls.

Edward, who grew up in the town, said: "It's a delight to look round a theatre like this where all the departments are under one roof."

"That is something quite rare, even in professional theatres."

"It is the people who give soul to a company and what we see is how you



have managed to retain the heritage of this building and at the same time create an environment with soul.

"The Corn Exchange is a fabulous theatre, run by such a passionate, dedicated group of people which I have no doubt, will be thriving forty years further down the line."

Sir Peter, director of the National Theatre in the 1970s and 1980s, opened the Corn Exchange in December 1978 when it had been converted from a



derelict building over a three year period by volunteers.

Visit cornexchange.org.uk for more information.

Edward Hall reopened the new-look Corn Exchange with Gloria Wright from Sinodun Players – 40 years after Sir Peter Hall first opened it

InBrief

Robbery charges

A WOMAN threatened in an attempted robbery took shelter in a stranger's car after fleeing the attack.

The 38-year-old was targeted at 8.30am on Friday in Tamar Way, Didcot. After running from the scene she stopped a passing car and the driver let her shelter inside.

Two 18-year-old men have been charged with conspiracy to commit robbery.

Sam Weller, of Pipkin Way, Oxford, and Josh Eggleton-Hart, of Tavistock Avenue, Didcot, have both been charged.

Weller is also charged with possession of an offensive weapon.

They were arrested on Friday and charged on Saturday when they also appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court. They were granted conditional bail, pending a hearing at Oxford Crown Court on April 9.

Call police on 101 with information.

Motorist sought

POLICE are on the hunt for a driver who struck a 13-year-old boy before fleeing the scene.

A silver Volkswagen hatchback hit the boy on a zebra crossing on Ham Road, in Wantage, shortly after midday on Sunday. It then left the scene.

The teenager sustained minor injuries during the collision.

Police are particularly keen to speak to the driver of a dark coloured Land Rover or similar shaped vehicle that was in the area at the time.

Call police on 101 if you can help.

Three weeks to save The Crown

By George Welch

IT is now or never for a campaign group rapidly running out of time to save a much-valued former pub.

The newly-formed South Moreton Community Benefit Society has 23 days to raise more than £100,000 and rescue The Crown in Crown Lane.

Villagers have until March 31 to raise at least £230,000 as community shares to stimulate match-funding and grant initiatives that are hoped to bring the total to around £530,000. Around £125,000 has been raised so far.

Paul Jackson, chairman of the SMCBS, launched the share offer and business case for buying The Crown and restoring it as a community pub and café on Saturday.

He said: "Even before this share offer launch, we have received pledges amounting to around £125,000 from 94 local people."

"That's fantastic, however we really now need to almost double that amount."

"Similar fundraising exercises for other community pubs showed that they could massively increase shareholdings in the final weeks of the campaign, so I'm sure that South

Moreton and our local friends can do it."

The Crown was closed and sold by Wadworth Breweries to property developers Worthmore Investments in 2015, but since then villagers have defended the site as an asset of community value.

This means the community has an exclusive right to offer to buy the pub during a moratorium period – but this runs out in the next few weeks.

Campaigners had to wait until this month to formally set up the SMCBS, meaning time is running out to save their favourite drinking house.

More than 60 people attended the

quiz night and fish-and-chip dinner to launch the appeal, which doubled up as a fundraiser for the upkeep of South Moreton church.

The evening was organised by resident Helen Ball who praised the village's 'vibrant community spirit'.

A drop-in session to answer any questions will be held at South Moreton School on Wednesday next week from 6pm to 8pm.

Shares will be priced at £50 each, with five being the minimum that can be bought.

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Country estate plan for former boarding school

A REDUNDANT boarding school near Abingdon could be reborn as part of a 'country estate' style development of more than 40 homes.

Millgate Homes wants to convert the former Parklands Campus site, to the north of the A420 between Appleton and Besselsleigh, into 17 flats and 27 three- and four-bedroomed houses.

Apart from the western part of the 19th century manor house, all existing buildings, including dated homes, garages and a stable block, will be demolished and replaced.

A design and access statement submitted with the application said: "The proposed development grouped the new buildings in specific character areas that was compatible with the narrative of a small country estate with the manor house at its heart."

"Original features guided the laying out of the proposal, creating a new stable court and buildings grouped within the remnants of the walled garden."

Formerly Bessels Leigh School, the site was taken over by children's charity Action for Children and renamed as Spires School in 2009.

The school, which taught pupils with autism, ADHD and behavioural difficulties, became Parklands Campus in 2011 before closing in 2016.

To comment before the March 21 deadline, visit tinyurl.com/yajhmu2

Bowled over by £250k grant for new pavilion

Club thrilled with cash to build modern facility

By George Welch

AN 'ambitious' new sports clubhouse is a step closer after Thame Sports Club received a hefty £250,000 grant.

The cash boost makes up nearly half of the estimated £554,000 needed to demolish the current facility and to replace it with a modern pavilion.

The original part of the clubhouse was built in the 1920s and is in poor condition, especially the roof and much of the woodwork. It also has little insulation and is expensive to heat during the winter months.

Thames Sports Club management committee chairman Peter Bozier said the club is "thrilled" to receive the grant for its 'necessary' rebuilding project.

He added: "It is very important to us, as without it we would have little chance of raising the money for our ambitious and very necessary project to go ahead. We hope to be able to raise the rest of the money in time to start in October, so the rebuilding would take place during the bowls club close season."



The club is home to the town's tennis and bowls club, but the clubhouse doubles up as a community building where many other groups get together, including art, wine appreciation and toddler groups.

The Chiltern Grove club has now raised around 70 per cent of the required money and the latest cash injection should make it easier for the club to attract the rest.

The rebuild committee is aiming to start work in October with completion by the end of March next year.

South Oxfordshire District Council awarded the grant.

Lynn Lloyd, the council's cabinet

member for community services, said: "I am absolutely delighted that we were able to make such a substantial contribution towards the rebuilding of the clubhouse, which has been a part of Thame for almost a century."

"However, all those years of use have taken their toll and a full rebuild will make it a wonderful community hub for generations to come."

New designs could mean the clubhouse could accommodate indoor bowling, allowing the bowls club to compete in winter leagues.

To see the plans, visit tinyurl.com/yd9h92ne

InBrief

Grounds for change

DILAPIDATED sports changing facilities in Didcot could be replaced with new accommodation for wider community use.

Didcot Town Council has launched a consultation on the long-term future of Edmonds Park Recreation Site and Loyd Road Recreation Ground.

The council is keen to hear from individuals and groups who might be interested in bringing something new to the Park Road and Brasenose Road sites and make them as useful and cost effective as possible.

All questionnaires will be entered into a draw to be in with a chance of winning a three-month membership at Willowbrook Leisure Centre.

For more information and to complete the questionnaire online before April 20 visit surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Didcot

Cricket club cash

SUNNINGWELL Cricket Club near Abingdon are hoping to raise £5,000 in funds for a new training facility and junior match surface.

The village cricket club has already secured £6,000 but is now turning to the public to help it knock its £13,000 target for six.

A spokesperson said the development would "offer more inclusive opportunities" for junior and youth players.

To donate, visit: <http://bit.ly/2tnDBVr>

Tattoo celebrates the 'lucky few'

OXFORDSHIRE parents who have children with Down's Syndrome travelled to Abingdon on Saturday to get a special tattoo.

The 'three arrows' tattoo aims to raise greater awareness about the disability, representing three copies of the 21st chromosome, which people with Down's Syndrome are born with, and the arrows symbolise moving forward.

Helen Kingdon, from Wallingford, organised the event at Acreedo Tattoos and Body Piercings in Abingdon.

Helen, who has a daughter with Down's Syndrome, said: "I like that it will give me the opportunity to talk about Down's Syndrome because it will be quite a visible tattoo on my wrist."

"People will more than likely ask about it and it will open the door for a conversation."

Dubbed the 'Lucky Few



Helen Kingdon with husband Matt and daughter Seren, aged seven

Tattoo' on social media, the concept originated in the USA but is now increasingly popular in the UK among parents, family members, carers and friends of people with Down's Syndrome.

Demolition for burnt-out council office

DEMOLITION work on burnt-out council offices destroyed in an arson attack could begin next week.

The fire-wrecked offices in Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford were torched in January 2015.

Since then, Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Council staff have been in temporary accommodation at Milton Park.

Rebuilding from the ashes was ruled out and council leaders

have instead opted to demolish the remains and start again, a decision that was taken last year.

A planning application submitted by SODC, which owns the land, last month said bulldozers could move in on Wednesday and that demolition could take until July 14 to complete.

The application added: "It has been decided that the building is unsuitable for re-use due to problems with its structural integrity."

"The most cost effective solution will be to redevelop the site."

Andrew Main, 47, from Rokemarsh, near Wallingford, admitted starting the blaze and was detained in a mental health unit in May 2015. The arsonist caused about £20million of damage and intended to kill himself with a chainsaw after starting four fires.

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News

Kate's show of support for school's nurturing

THE Duchess of Cambridge was greeted by hundreds of cheering children when she visited Pegasus Primary School in Blackbird Leys, Oxford, on Tuesday.

The Duchess visited Oxford to look at the work of the school in providing emotional support programmes for children and parents.

Jodie Brackett, 11, in Year 6, told the Duchess he was able to trust his teachers to help him when he talked about any emotional problems and was keen to tell his grandmother he had met the Duchess as "she is really into the royal family".

Kate observed a Circle Time activity, which encourages pupils to share thoughts on a range of topics from bullying to dealing with stressful situations at home.

Catherine met head teacher Francis Murphy and Sarah Darton, CEO of Family Links,



a national charity which works closely with Pegasus to provide emotional well being training for teachers, parents and children.

Sarah said: "Just as we nurture our physical health, we should also nurture our emotional health."

"Children who are emotionally healthy are able to develop good relationships and succeed at work and in life."

Parent Donna Lennon-Sinclair said the programme had "made a real difference" to her life.



The Duchess of Cambridge met children at Pegasus Primary School and spoke to Family Links which helps children, parents and teachers. Pictures: Verity Watson

Indian restaurant fined £35k for rat infestation

By George Welch

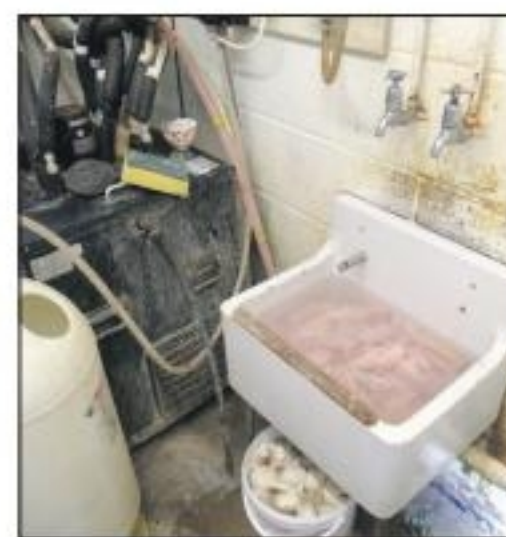
AN Indian restaurant that left opened chutneys and naan dough among an infestation of rats has prompted a council to dish out its highest ever fine.

The Star and Garter in Thame, run by a business of the same name, pleaded guilty to nine offences under food hygiene regulations at Oxford Magistrates' Court at the end of last month.

The court fined the company £35,000 and ordered it to pay costs to South Oxfordshire District Council of £2,071 and a victim surcharge of £170. It is the highest ever sum of its kind imposed by SODC.

Hygiene inspectors found evidence of an infestation of rats when they visited in March last year and the restaurant was ordered to stop using its food storage area.

Charges against the Wellington Street curry house included not taking adequate procedures to control pests and debris and the



Chicken found in the sink of The Star and Garter in Thame during an inspection in March 2017

discovery of dirt and grease and rat droppings.

One of the charges read: "You failed to protect food in the rear storage area from contamination, there was a box of fresh ginger on the floor, next to the box there was a tray of naan dough covered with cling film next to a rat trap."

"Raw chicken was being defrosted in a dirty sink, and raw chicken was being prepared in

the rear storage area where there was evidence of rat droppings on the floor."

Another read: "There were boxes of open salad, prepared vegetables, and open trays of chutney in the cellar, where there was evidence of a rat infestation and the presence of rat droppings."

After the initial inspection, the restaurant was awarded a zero out of five-rating meaning 'urgent improvement necessary'. This was upped to two, meaning 'improvement necessary', at a re-rating in August 2017.

The company was awarded a three, meaning 'generally satisfactory', following the most recent inspection in January.

Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, the council's cabinet member for housing and environment, said: "This case demonstrates that the council will not hesitate to take robust action and this fine – the largest in a prosecution brought by us under food safety laws – reflects the seriousness of such breaches."

New 999 system delayed and set to cost extra £3m

By Owen Hughes

A NEW computer system that could revolutionise the way police forces in the region deal with emergency calls is delayed and is £3million over budget.

Originally scheduled to be rolled out by Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary in March, delays have set the now £30.6m project back until late spring.

The modernised system will replace "outdated systems" and improve the way both forces handle 999 and 101 calls.

Through the software, operators will gain instant access to information on screen about a caller.

The smart software will also display data about recent crimes in the area and recommend the most appropriate resources to deploy.

The decision to delay the launch until late spring was made in November to allow for extensive testing.

Chief Superintendent Christian Bunt said the "cutting edge system" developed in conjunction with Microsoft will "help both forces work more closely together".

He added: "As it is such a crucial system, we always knew it would need to undergo rigorous testing before the



Control room operations manager Nikky Dumbleton said they received more than 300,000 calls last year

planned implementation date.

"This involved integrating it with numerous other operation systems.

"We cannot afford to take risks with something that is so fundamental to us delivering a service to the public, so when testing revealed that extra work needed to be done, our operation view was that the testing phase should be extended."

The forces will be the first in the UK to use the new system, which has the potential for crimes to be reported online.

Staff at Abingdon Police Station's control room received more than

300,000 calls to the 999 emergency number last year, representing an increase of 12 per cent on 2016.

Nikky Dumbleton, operations manager, told this newspaper in January that "better signposting" could help reduce that figure.

According to a report, more than two per cent of 999 calls to TVP were unanswered in the three months to June, compared with 1.6 per cent in the same quarter for 2016.

The number of abandoned 999 calls to Hampshire Constabulary rose from 0.9 per cent to 1.6 per cent in the same period.

Court hears two men were killed in savage attack

TWO men's bodies found in a Banbury flat in October were killed in a sustained and savage attack.

Jurors at Oxford Crown Court were told that Mark Pawley, 25, was stabbed more than 20 times in a vicious attack, while Adrian Fannon, 39, received at least 10 stab wounds.

The type of injuries suffered by the two men suggested they had attempted to defend themselves during the attack, the court heard.

Owner of the flat in Newland Road, Raymond Morgan, 53, denies two counts of murder.

Officers discovered the bodies after forcing entry into the home at around 6.45am on October 1 last year. Two knives and a broken chair were found with blood on the walls, sofa and TV.

Mr Fannon's naked body was found propped up against a TV stand, while Mr Pawley's partially clothed body was discovered in a different part of the living room.

All three men were heroin and cocaine addicts, the prosecution said. Morgan provided three different accounts of the incident to police, including a version where he stabbed both men after an epileptic fit.

In another version of the story he blamed two black men, and said the victims attacked each other before turning on him in a third version of events.

The trial continues.

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Bike stolen with bike

A THIEF used a hire bicycle to ride into an office car park and steal someone else's bike.

CCTV cameras caught the suspected thief riding into the Isis Business Centre on Pony Road, just off Horspath Road in Cowley, between 8am and 12.30pm on February 6.



Police have released a picture of a man who could have 'vital' information about the incident.

Contact police on 101 quoting reference number 43180038817 if you have any information.

Thieves hive bees

A MILLION bees have been stolen from a farmer's field near Bicester.

Brackley-based Beekeeper Honey found 40 of its hives had been stolen from a farmer's field off the A4421 between Fringford and Bicester on February 24.

Each hive is believed to hold 25,000 bees, adding up to around one million bees taken between February 17 and February 24.

Police are investigating and appealing for information. Call 101 if you have any details.

Man jailed for drugs row kidnap

By George Welch

THREE men involved in the kidnap of a Didcot woman in a row over an apparent drugs debt have been jailed.

Ben Mitchell, 25, of Venners Water, Didcot, pleaded guilty to kidnapping at Oxford Crown Court on February 26, while two other men admitted other offences as a result of the investigation.

After losing a large amount of drugs and suspecting the woman's partner and friends of being responsible for stealing a stash, Mitchell turned up at the man's flat at 4am on August 19 only to find his partner there alone.

The 21-year-old was dragged out of

the flat and put in a car.

She was instructed to show him where she thought her partner and his friends were.

Spooked by seeing a police car, Mitchell got out of the vehicle and ran away but was later arrested.

As well as kidnapping, Mitchell also pleaded guilty to six counts of offering to supply class A drugs – including cocaine, MDMA, heroin and crack – and offering to supply class B drugs at a hearing on November 24 last year.

He was jailed for five years and four months at the hearing last week.

Mitchell's brother Jonathan, 30 from Liverpool, was jailed for 16 months after he pleaded guilty to witness intimidation. He called the victim

and threatened her life for providing evidence to the police.

During the investigation, police found evidence linking Mitchell and another man, Davy Herron, to the supply of class A and B drugs.

Herron, 21 of Abbott Road, Didcot, pleaded guilty to offering to supply a class A drug (MDMA) and class B drugs at Oxford Crown Court on February 20. He was jailed on February 26 for three years.

Detective Constable Richard Whitcombe said: "This was a nasty incident which has left the aggrieved suffering from post-traumatic stress. There was no regard for the welfare of the victim or the effect this may have on her."



Ben Mitchell, left, has been jailed for five years and four months for the kidnapping of a woman and multiple drugs charges. Davy Herron, right, admitted supplying drugs and was jailed for three years.

Hydroelectric plant running at full power for 450 homes



Sandford Hydro is fully operational and ready to power 450 homes

OXFORD'S new £3.2million hydroelectric power plant is now 'fully operational', managers have confirmed.

The Sandford Hydro project stomached a wobbly start following its completion in September last year due to uncharacteristically low autumn river levels then turbulent winter torrents in December.

But the Low Carbon Hub team behind the project confirmed last week that the power plant is now operating at 'maximum power'.

But in a recent post on its web page, the group wrote: "We are very happy to report that Sandford Hydro is fully operational."

"After a series of thorough tests to ensure that the hydro is functioning as it should, including lots of trials to be prepared for any extreme conditions, we are running at maximum power."

"All of our systems are now linked up with the Environment Agency's remote monitoring system, which enables them to keep a close eye on the river levels at the hydro."

"They can also monitor the hydro should anything shut down unexpectedly."

They added that the 22-tonne steel screws will not turn 'on occasions', including during extreme weather conditions (only expected to happen less than five per cent of the time), power cuts and emergency repairs and maintenance.

The community-owned plant should produce 1,600 MWh of renewable electricity per year to power 450 homes.

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Firefighters rescue horse trapped under the snow

A HORSE trapped in a ditch under a fallen tree for at least two hours had to be rescued by a specialist crew.

Fire crews were called to fields off Abingdon Road in Oxford at 2.30pm on Friday where an 11-year-old mare had been trapped for between two and three hours.

The animal was not seriously injured but was found suffering from the effects of cold and exhaustion as a result of the recent poor weather conditions.

Firefighters used manual and electric saws to reduce distress to the horse before removing sections of the tree so the vet could assess injuries and administer a sedative.

Once the horse was safe the crews were able to further dismantle the tree and attach lifting strops to pull the horse clear and help her to her feet. The horse was left in the care of its owner and the vet.

An Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesperson said: "This was a large horse that had got itself stuck in an awkward position and in this case the owners recognised the risk and called upon the emergency services to assist."

"Persistent effort from the fire crews involved and the vet, who had travelled out in difficult weather conditions, resulted in a safe and successful rescue."

Trust admits failings in care of Poundland killer

Apology to victim's family after poor treatment

By Owen Hughes

OXFORD Health apologised after a coroner concluded a string of failures in the Trust's treatment of a schizophrenic drug addict could have contributed to the death of Justin Skrebowski.

Trevor Joyce fatally stabbed Mr Skrebowski with a knife grabbed from the shelf of Poundland in Abingdon in December 2015.

The inquest into the 61-year-old's death concluded on Monday at Oxford Coroner's Court.

Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter said Oxford Health had not passed on important information to police, which could have better protected the public from Joyce.

Less than a week before Mr Skrebowski's murder, Joyce had told specialist doctor Toby O'Hanlon that he wanted to stab customers in Poundland.

A lack of communication between the authorities handling Joyce's treatment meant Dr O'Hanlon failed to share the information with police.

Four days after speaking to the psychiatrist, Joyce acted



Justin Skrebowski was killed in December 2015 after Trevor Joyce told a psychiatrist he wanted to stab people

on his thoughts, resulting in Mr Skrebowski's death.

Mr Salter said the Trust was not at fault for Joyce not being remanded in custody, which could have prevented the stabbing.

A spokesperson for Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust said: "We would like to offer our most sincere condolences to Mr Skrebowski's family at a very difficult time for them."

"We always strive to do everything

we can to ensure we provide the highest possible standards of care at Oxford Health, but there were actions that could have been better performed in this case, and for those we are sorry."

The Trust added it has already undertaken an internal review of its services and implemented a number of changes.

An independently commissioned report by NHS England is also being carried out on Oxford Health, which it hopes "will provide further assurances to both Mr Skrebowski's family and the wider community we serve".

Joyce was voluntarily admitted to Littlemore Mental Health Centre after a spate of four arrests in one week just two months before the attack.

Joyce committed the random assault on the art dealer from Sunnymead, Oxford, six weeks after his release on October 28, 2015.

In 2016, Joyce was sentenced to life in prison for the killing of Mr Skrebowski with a minimum of nine years for manslaughter with diminished responsibility.

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Pulling together to beat cancer

By George Welch

STAFF and customers at a leisure centre are pulling together to see how many miles they can clock up on an indoor rowing machine in a day – and they need your help to beat their Cambridge rivals.

The row-athon will involve teams at Better Leisure's Windrush Leisure Centre in Witney going head-to-head with their counterparts in Cambridge in a race against the clock. The team which rows the furthest will be crowned the winners.

Anyone over the age of 11 can take part and get into the competitive spirit ahead of the Boat Race on March 24.

The event comes as Better Leisure is this month challenging would-be rowers to go the distance and cover 26.2 miles on an indoor rowing

machine, in stages or in one go, as part of Cancer Research's Great Row challenge.

Pam Radley, who works at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre, knows all too well the devastation that cancer can cause after losing her dad to the disease two years ago.

Pam said: "Every day was different but throughout it all he remained strong and so resilient, right to the end.

"You go through such a rollercoaster of emotion when a loved one is diagnosed with cancer. This was my first real experience of it affecting someone very close to me and it definitely changes everything.

"It's only right we get involved and do our bit to not only get behind Oxford in the boat races but also to encourage people to get involved and get rowing themselves."



From left, Better Leisure's Rod Noble, Harriet Claridge, Pam Radley and Josh Luland warm up for the row-athon against rivals in Cambridge

The row-athon will take place between 9am and 1pm on Saturday in the reception area of Windrush Leisure Centre on Witan Way.

To download a training plan and fundraising pack for the Great Row, visit cancerresearchuk.org/thegreatrow

Drug dealer caught after hiding car keys in flowerpot

AN Oxford drug dealer has been jailed after cocaine and cannabis worth more than £30,000 was found stashed in two vehicles.

Police officers visiting Jay Isthiaq Ahmad's home in Rest Harrow on a separate issue last March were suspicious when they spotted the 23-year-old hide car keys in a flowerpot.

The keys were found during a subsequent search of the home.

Two nearby vehicles were then

searched and officers found the class A and B drugs which had a street value of more than £30,000.

Ahmad, pictured, was convicted and sentenced to six years and six months' in prison at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday last week.

He pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine and possession with intent to supply cannabis. He was charged with the drug offences on January 2.

Investigating officer, PC Stephanie Barras-Thompson of the Oxford Investigation Hub, said: "Ahmad's conviction and sentencing shows how seriously Thames Valley Police takes drugs offences, and means that a drug dealer has been removed from the streets of Oxford.

"I hope that this serves as a warning to other offenders and demonstrates the serious consequences of this type of crime."



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MP salaries to rise

SALARIES for Oxfordshire's six MPs will increase by nearly two per cent from next month.

The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) announced that MPs will receive £77,379 from April 1 for 2018/19, up 1.8 per cent on April 2017's total of £76,011.

IPSA said the increase is in line with its policy of adjusting MPs' pay at the same rate as changes in public sector wages.

Design shortlist

TWO buildings at Oxford Brookes University have been shortlisted for a regional award ahead of a ceremony at The Kassam Stadium later this spring.

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Knives surrendered

DOZENS of knives were handed in during an amnesty in Abingdon.

Thames Valley Police revealed it collected 45 knives from its drop-off bin at the town's police station during last month's week-long campaign.

The initiative was part of Operation Sceptre, a national operation to reduce knife crime.

Figures show knife crime increased by 32 per cent between April 1, 2016 and March 31 last year.

Possession offences rose by 27 per cent within the same period.

Vintage flair at fair

SHOPPERS looking to welcome in spring the traditional way will love Lou Lou's Oxford Vintage Fair at the Town Hall on Saturday.

The UK's biggest travelling vintage fair will feature live music, a retro hair and beauty salon and an impressive selection of eclectic vintage wares.

The fair will run from midday to 5pm. Admission is £2.50 for adults and free for children under the age of 12.

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Faulty TV sets off fire alarm

A FAULTY television set left on while no one was home caused a Carterton home to become smoke logged.

The occupier of the Bovingdon Road home returned home after being out for a couple of hours and heard the smoke alarms ringing, the fire service said.

She opened the front door at around 9.50pm on Wednesday last week and was met by thick black smoke.

Firefighters from Bampton, Burford and Rewley Road, Oxford, used a thermal imaging camera to locate the small fire and extinguished it using a hose reel jet.

The smoke was then driven out using high-powered fans.

Incident commander, watch manager Ed Maloney, from Bampton Fire Station, said: "While the fire was fairly small and only involved direct



burning to the television and the items immediately surrounding it, it did produce a lot of smoke which spread throughout the house.

Smoke damage to the house caused by the TV



"Fortunately the property had working smoke alarms which raised the alarm to the occupier so she was cautious as she opened the front door

upon her return."

A specialist fire investigator confirmed the fire was started by a faulty television.

More given place at chosen school

By George Welch

MORE children have been offered their first-choice secondary school, despite a rise in pupil numbers.

Almost nine out of 10 Oxfordshire children due to start secondary school in September have been offered a place at their top-choice school.

In total, 88.8 per cent of pupils have received a first-preference offer –

slightly higher than last year's figure (88.6 per cent) – despite 229 more youngsters transferring compared to last year.

A further six per cent have been offered their second choice and 1.55 per cent offered their third preference.

This leaves 3.2 per cent of applicants being offered a place at a school not among their stated preferences.

Hilary Hibbert-Biles, responsible

for education at Oxfordshire County Council, said she is pleased "we have been able to give the vast majority of families the news they were hoping to receive".

Overall, 6,848 Oxfordshire children are transferring to secondary schools this year – 229 more than in 2017. Of these, 6,083 have been offered their first preference school – 216 more than last year.

They county's secondary school age population is expected to continue to increase over the next few years, as primary school growth over the past decade translates into greater demand for secondary school places.

Cllr Hibbert-Biles said the council is looking at expanding schools where needed.

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Drug driver killed OAP when sleeping at wheel

By George Welch

A DRUG driver who killed a pensioner in a head-on collision while high on drugs has been jailed for six years.

Stephen Horwood, of Greenhill, Blackbird Leys, Oxford killed Michael Smith, 71, when he fell asleep at the wheel of his white Ford Transit on the A415 near Ducklington, west Oxfordshire.

Mr Smith's wife, Susan, a passenger in their red Peugeot 107, was seriously injured when Horwood's van ploughed into them on September 7 last year.

Horwood, 37, failed a drugs test and checks found he had taken cocaine prior to the crash.

The father-of-three, who admitted causing death by dangerous driving and serious injury by dangerous driving, had more than three times the legal limit for cocaine, which is 10 microgrammes per litre of blood.

It has also been revealed that Horwood, a self-employed carpet fitter, was caught driving with



Stephen Horwood's van ploughed into the car driven by Michael Smith, killing him and injuring his wife, Susan

Benzoylcegonine, a metabolite of cocaine, in his system by police in November. He was jailed for 23 weeks on January 4 for these offences.

Investigating officer, Sergeant

Beth Walton of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit, said: "Sadly, this is yet another avoidable death on our roads where a driver has failed to understand the dangers of drugs driving."

"While the sentence given can never be comparable to the pain and suffering of the victims' family, it should stand as a deterrent to others who are driving dangerously while influenced by drugs and alcohol, placing themselves and innocent members of the public at risk of harm."

"Horwood will have to live the rest of his life knowing that his actions caused this tragic incident and took a man away from his family."

Horwood was jailed for a total of six years, made up of six years for causing death by dangerous driving and four years of causing serious injury by dangerous driving, to run concurrently.

He was also disqualified from driving for a total of six years and must take an extended re-test.

Patient urges others to help with research

AN Oxfordshire man with type 2 diabetes has urged the public to become official ambassadors for NHS research after taking part in clinical trials at Oxford's Churchill Hospital.

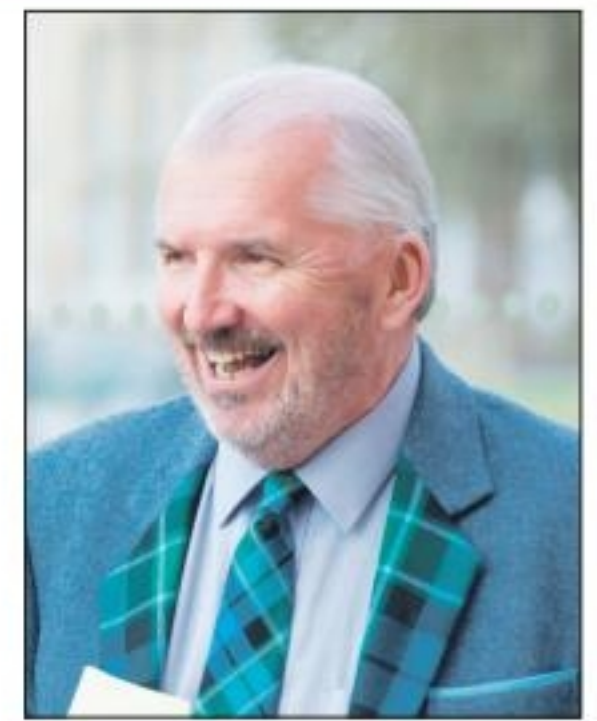
Gordon Moultrie, 65, pictured, of Chipping Norton, learned of the Patient Research Ambassador Initiative, where the public promote NHS research, through taking part in diabetes research at the east Oxford hospital.

The Scotsman, married with two grown up children, said he fully supports patient and public involvement in the healthcare sector.

"No research, no progress - it's as simple as that," the semi-retired company director said.

"Research is the key to improving healthcare in the UK and worldwide."

"We need to invest money and time into research to develop new medicines and treatments to help



more people and reduce the costs."

The PRAI - which Mr Moultrie joined in 2015 - is run by the National Institute for Health Research and aims to educate and involve the public about the importance of research trials.

Mr Moultrie currently enjoys good health while managing his type 2 diabetes 'relatively well'.

People who are interested in becoming PRAs should contact comms.crnthamesvalley@nhs.uk or 01865 227252.

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A GUIDE showcasing the city's economic strengths, opportunities and support services has been launched.

The Oxford Business Guide is accompanied by It's Local Oxford, an interactive listing of businesses and organisations that provide services to

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The rhino seems rather unsure of the snow in this picture by Jeff Youd and inset, Scarlet the Red Panda is huddled up warm in a tree



A peacock finds its feet in the first of the snow and left, Kali, one of Asiatic lion triplets born in 2016 surveys the scene

Beast of a different kind moves into wildlife park

Ponds frozen as polar blast blows in from east

By George Welch

ANIMALS at Cotswold Wildlife Park had a great time frolicking in the snow last week as these pictures show – but the popular attraction was forced to close its doors to the public.

The park was shut last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday due to the heavy snowfall brought on by the Beast From The East – a freezing polar blast from Siberia.

But that failed to stop the animals having fun in the white stuff.

Red pandas, wolverines and pallas cats were just some of the species who revelled in last week's arctic conditions.

Penguin chick Lucky was left fascinated with the snowflakes, trying to catch them with her beak.

Curator Jamie Craig said:



"All the animals have heated houses where needed and are currently unaware of the outside temperatures, unlike their keepers who are busy removing snow from the roof of the aviaries and clearing pathways."

"It's certainly not the weather for our tropical species but for a few, most notably the reindeer, wolverines and penguins and pallas cats, it is a favourite time of year and they are revelling in the arctic conditions."



Penguin chick Lucky was fascinated by the white stuff and the frozen waterfall and inset, a pelican takes tentative steps on the ice



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Expressway 'success story'

BUSINESS chiefs and public-sector leaders will meet at a major conference later this year to discuss and debate the £3.5billion Oxford-Cambridge expressway route.

Some of the region's biggest names in business, politics and local government will discuss industrial strategy, skills, housing, infrastructure and growing the economy.

Heather Smith, one of the speakers at the event as chair of England's Economic Heartland's Strategic Transport Forum, said the conference will "build on the real momentum which is forming behind the region".

She said: "With the right investment in infrastructure, we can become internationally renowned for

science, technology and innovation, competing for UK Plc on the global stage."

The managing director of Built Environment Networking, which is organising the conference, said it is "essential" businesses work together to make the project 'a success story'.

Keith Griffiths added: "The long-awaited transport links between Oxford and Cambridge will not only improve connectivity and communication between the cities and those in-between, but it will provide the infrastructure to drive economic development and growth."

The discussion will take place at Milton Keynes Dons Football Club on June 21 from 7.45am to 4.45pm. For tickets and more information, visit tinyurl.com/ybfa42wd

Fundraising for city museum

IT is not too late to help raise cash towards the Museum of Oxford redevelopment.

The £2.8m project will transform the Old Museum, which was closed in 2011, into a new, purpose-built space with the capacity to increase the number of exhibits from 286 to 750.

Proceeds from three events will go towards the renovation.

A talk on Oxford's town and gown riots and a vintage map took place last week, but the entertainment for museum buffs is not over yet.

Oxford-based historian and author

Bryan Brown will give a talk on John Henry Brookes, the man who inspired a university.

Mr Brown's talk will cover Mr Brookes' early life and influences, his career as a craftsman and the evolution of the Headington campus to Oxford Brookes University.

The event will take place at the St Aldate's museum from 6pm to 7pm on Thursday, March 22.

Doors will open at 5.45pm. Tickets cost £4 with a booking fee.

Visit oxfordhiddenhistories.org to donate.

Charity of the year 2018 – Helen & Douglas House

Ice one Emily! Cake sale to remember her friend

By George Welch

AN 11-year-old with a sweet tooth for fundraising baked and decorated 300 cakes as she continues to raise sacksful of cash in memory of her 'beautiful' friend.

It took Emily Martin, from Chesterton, near Bicester, nearly two days to bake and decorate the cakes for a sale at her dad's work at Microsoft in Reading last month.

She raised £3,000 for the east Oxford hospice on the day as people bought cakes, donated to her JustGiving page and Microsoft matched the funding.

Emily was inspired to make a difference when her 'beautiful' friend Izzy died in May 2016 having battled kidney cancer.

"In the last few weeks of her life she moved to Helen & Douglas House where she had the best time and made so many memories," Emily says on a fundraising page.

"I want to raise money to help other children with life limiting conditions and their families."

Emily also set up a JustGiving page for people who were not able to get to the sale.

Of her fundraising, she said: "I wanted to help Helen & Douglas House because my friend [Izzy] was poorly with cancer and then moved to Helen & Douglas House."

"I wanted to help make the children there feel



Emily Martin's delicious cakes helped her raise £3,000 for Helen & Douglas House where her friend Izzy spent her last days

more comfortable and to give them some happy times. It took a day to bake all the cakes and half a day to ice them all but it was absolutely worth it.

"Thank you for all the donations." Her mum, Jo, added: "We are so proud of what Emily is doing in memory of Izzy and to help others in their time of need."

"Her target is to fundraise £5,000

this year for Helen & Douglas which I'm sure she will easily achieve."

Community fundraising manager at Helen & Douglas House said: "We rely on donations like this to care for local terminally ill children and cannot do this without the help of amazing people like Emily."

Visit tinyurl.com/y8tnyg55 to donate.



Sheila Wilkinson, centre, one of the founder members of the Guild, with fellow tour guides

On the trail of a good tourist guide

OXFORD tour guides come from a variety of career backgrounds but they all have one thing in common – a love of the city, the university and its heritage.

It was a double celebration for the know-it-all ambassadors at Oxford Guild of Tour Guides last week as they celebrated International Day of the Tourist Guide and welcomed the latest

batch of qualified guides.

Oxford has more than seven million visitors a year and large groups of tourists have become a contentious issue in the busy city.

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News

Posing with pets to help give back to the animals

By George Welch

TV stars Miranda Richardson and Joanna Scanlan met homeless cats, dogs, rabbits and horses during an exclusive behind the scenes visit to Blue Cross for a special set of portraits.

The west Oxfordshire charity teamed up with photographer Rankin to shoot the portraits aimed at celebrating how important pets are in people's lives and to encourage people to rehome.

EastEnders actress Michelle Collins and X Factor singer Diana Vickers also took part in the photoshoot at Blue Cross's rehoming centre in the picturesque Cotswolds village of Burford.

The stars met a variety of animals waiting for new homes at the centre including dogs, cats and kittens, chinchillas, rats, mice and horses.

Among the animals the celebs met were two-year-old Chihuahua cross Stitch who was found wandering the streets as a skinny and nervous stray.

Horses Splodge and Emerald, who came into the rehoming centre separately after they were found fly-grazing, also enjoyed

the special attention.

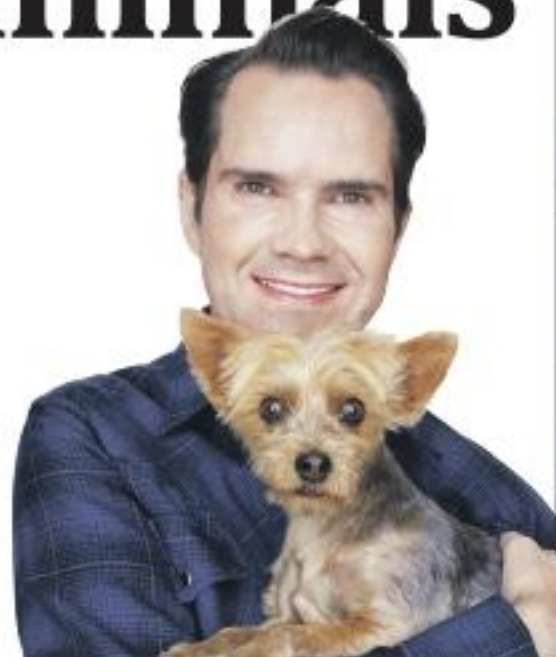
Speaking of her own special bond with her pets, Oscar-nominated actor Richardson, who most recently appeared in ITV's British drama series *Girlfriends*, said: "My pets are my constant companions. They are wonderful souls who fill rooms."

"They are people to love and give you a chance to nurture. I think they have given me skills and I hope I've given them some."

Comedian Jimmy Carr, who adopted Yorkshire Terrier Marnie from Blue Cross's rehoming centre in Lewknor in 2016, actors Anthony and Emily Head, Issac Hempstead-Wright and James Bowen and Bob the Street Cat were also photographed for the project at Rankin's studios in London.

Rankin even got in front of the camera for a selfie with Splodge and later shared the shot on Instagram.

He said: "Pets change our lives. I know mine certainly have and that is why I wanted to join forces with Blue Cross and their famous friends and through this series of unique portraits, inspire people to give back to pets in need for the amazing, enriching and wonderful roles pets play in our lives."



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Miranda Richardson, Joanna Scanlan, Emily and Anthony Head and Jimmy Carr posed to show how important pets are in people's lives



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The spirit of the Man in Black is alive and 'kicking like a mule' with an outstanding celebration of the iconic legend by the Carter/Cash endorsed Johnny Cash Roadshow.

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the 'real deal'. Clive John, captures the essence of Cash with exceptional style and confidence. His deep, distinctive vocals are spot on, evoking pure country magic with Walk the Line, Folsom Prison Blues and A Thing Called Love.

Charismatic duets are superb. Renditions of Don't You Think It's Come Our Time and Jackson, encapsulate the tender charm and uplifting humour shared by the late enigmatic pair. The music doesn't miss a beat as the set glides seamlessly along, evoking a timeless quality of a golden era with fresh contemporary flair.

Martin Bentley (bass) is in a league of his own and Nick Davis (guitars) and Darren Bazzoni (drums) first class.

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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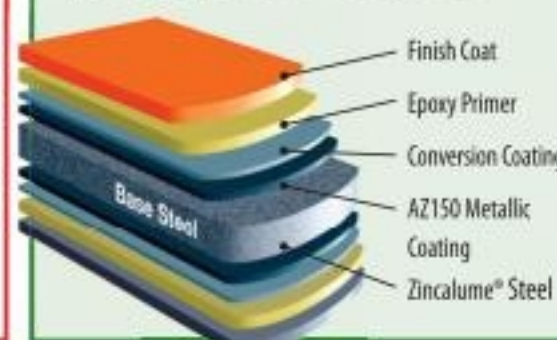
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A window on life of the Winslows

Family drama based on real-life event

By Samantha McGregor

A MAJOR new revival of Terence Rattigan's classic family drama comes to Oxford Playhouse this month.

Based on a real-life event, *The Winslow Boy* is a courageous and delicately humorous window into the class and political hypocrisy of the time.

This production stars Tessa Peake-Jones of *Only Fools and Horses* and *Grantchester*, alongside Aden Gillett, who was in *House of Eliott* and *Holby City*, and takes to the Playhouse stage from Monday, March 12, to Saturday, March 17.

Having been expelled from the Royal Navy College for stealing a five-shilling postal order, young cadet Ronnie Winslow's family are pulled apart by the repercussions of this charge.

Set against the values of 1910 Edwardian London, the Winslow family fight to clear his name or face social ostracism as the case becomes a national scandal.

Peake-Jones stars as Grace Winslow, the mother of Ronnie, the accused cadet.

Now well-known as Mrs Maguire in ITV1's *Grantchester*, Peake-Jones has had a long, varied career



including Raquel in *Only Fools and Horses*.

Arthur Winslow is played by Aden Gillett, Ronnie's father. His film roles include *The Borrowers*, with forthcoming films *The Foreigner* starring Jackie Chan and Pierce Brosnan, and *A Caribbean Dream* where he plays Theseus in a modern reimagining of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The Winslow Boy, which became one of Rattigan's best known and most loved works, originally appeared on stage in 1946.

This new production is directed by Olivier Award-nominated Rachel Kavanaugh, who also directed *A Christmas Carol* for the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Tickets for *The Winslow Boy* at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available from the box office on 01865 305305 or go to oxfordplayhouse.com



Pictures: Alastair Muir

On stage

Flower power rules

O'Neils Bar in Oxford will host covers band HippyHaze tomorrow evening from 10pm.

The three-piece band cover songs exclusively from 1966 to 1969 which includes artists like Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Santana, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Deep Purple and more.

There is no entry fee.

Metal mayhem

Rock band Black Shot Rose are gearing up to perform at The Cellar in Oxford this Saturday.

Audiences can expect an evening of heavy rock and metal music from an experienced band who have been playing together for more than seven years.

The band will kick off at 7.30pm.

Radio Ga Ga

For an evening of punk and hits from the 70s and 80s head over to The Brewery Tap in Abingdon on Saturday.

Radio Generation will be performing covers from David Bowie, Tom Petty, Lou Reed, Sex Pistols and The Cure to name a few.

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Girls just wanna have fun

By Josh Cox

"WOMEN are each other's human wonder bras – uplifting, supportive and making each other look bigger and better," says Kathy Lette.

Australian born author, screenwriter, journalist, party girl and all-round bonne vivant Kathy hits the road this spring with her debut live show Girls Night Out.

Best known for her many novels including *How To Kill Your Husband* (and *Other Handy Household Hints*), *Foetal Attraction*, and *Nip 'n' Tuck*, Kathy has decided it's time to take centre stage to share intimate details of her varied and multi-coloured personal, social and professional life.

Girls Night Out takes the audience on a journey from puberty to menopause and beyond and everything in between, with tales of love, lust, men, marriage, pregnancy, childbirth, sexist bosses, teenage-daughter-wrangling and much more.

Kathy first achieved success as a teenager with the novel *Puberty Blues*, which was made into a major film and a TV mini-series.

After several years as a newspaper columnist and TV sitcom writer in America and Australia, she's written 12 international bestsellers in her characteristic witty voice, including *Mad Cows* (which was made into a film starring Joanna Lumley and Anna Friel), *The Boy*



Who Fell to Earth, *Courting Trouble*, and *Best Laid Plans* – soon to be an eight-hour TV series.

Her novels have been published in 17 languages around the world.

Kathy appears regularly as a commentator on the BBC and Sky News. She is also an ambassador for Plan International, Ambitious about Autism and the National Autistic

Society.

She lives in London and can often be found at The Savoy (where she was writer in residence) drinking a cocktail named after her.

She will be making her way to The Theatre Chipping Norton on March 16 at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £15.50. For more information or book head to chippingnortontheatre.com

Friendly folk at The Mill

Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman
Picture: Nikki Bidgood



WITH a new album due out Dartmoor-based husband and wife duo Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman will play Banbury's Mill Theatre.

The pair, who have twice won the coveted Best Duo title at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2016 and 2013, are in Banbury on March 16.

With more than two decades of performance the pair mix traditional song arrangements with their self-penned material which reels from the bitter to the sweet, the wry to the sad, the political to the passive, across folk, rock, country and blues genres.

Lakeman plays the acoustic and electric guitar as well as producing, while vocalist Roberts plays the piano and flute.

Launching their new album *Personeae* tomorrow, this marks their fifth studio album, and it will be show-

cased on the duo's 25 date tour.

This latest album opens with a folk-rock version of the Child Ballad *The Knight's Ghost*, with Sam Kelly on guest vocals. One of the stand-out tracks is *Independence*, about the relationship between parent and child and finding your way in the world.

Kathryn said: "We are really looking forward to visiting The Mill again."

"Previous gigs there have always been warm and friendly and the intimacy really suits our style of music."

"We are planning to play a mix of old favourites and introduce new songs from our upcoming CD *Personeae*, it will be the second night in a 25 date tour so our energy levels will still be high."

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Out About

Shakespeare in the local

By Josh Cox

INSTEAD of a Kingdom - a pub. Instead of a King - Mr Lear, the landlord.

When he announces his retirement and the division of his kingdom between his daughters, Mr Lear imitates his famous namesake and demands to know which of them loves him the most. In so doing he unleashes a tide of pent-up frustration and jealousy.

The Cornerstone in Didcot is to host this wonderful adaptation of Shakespeare's King Lear this March.

Hilarious and heart breaking, The King Lear will unfold using physical theatre, clowning and vibrant storytelling all linked by Shakespeare's magnificent text.

What started as a game became real as Shifting Sands Theatre Company play with Shakespeare's ingredients yet remain faithful to his themes.

There will be irreverence, but by no means parody. The result, nothing short of comic, exhilarating, heart-felt theatre.

"I am delighted to be able to retell this classic", said artistic director Gerry Flanagan. "It's one of my favourites [and] being able to tour The King Lear is very exciting."

Shifting Sands was founded in 1998 to create stimulating, acces-



sible theatre that is both comic and moving. The company is particularly interested in re-interpreting classic texts and epic tales. It has won critical acclaim for its many touring productions that include Faustus, Romeo & Juliet, The Seagull and Great Expectations. To date the company has created nine shows and been on eight UK wide tours.

Flanagan is one of England's most

sought after clown practitioners and Shifting Sands has grown out of his work.

The King Lear will take to the Cornerstone stage on March 22 at 7.30pm. Full price adult tickets cost £12.50 with discounts available for concessions and under 16s.

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Director Matt Aston said: "I first read Grandad's Island in a book shop in the summer of 2015 whilst looking for a new story for my two boys. I knew immediately I wanted to adapt it for the stage."

"Several meetings, two Arts Council bids and two and half years later we're ready to share our version of Benji's beautiful book."

Grandad's Island comes to the Cornerstone in Didcot on March 24 with two performances; 11am and 2pm.

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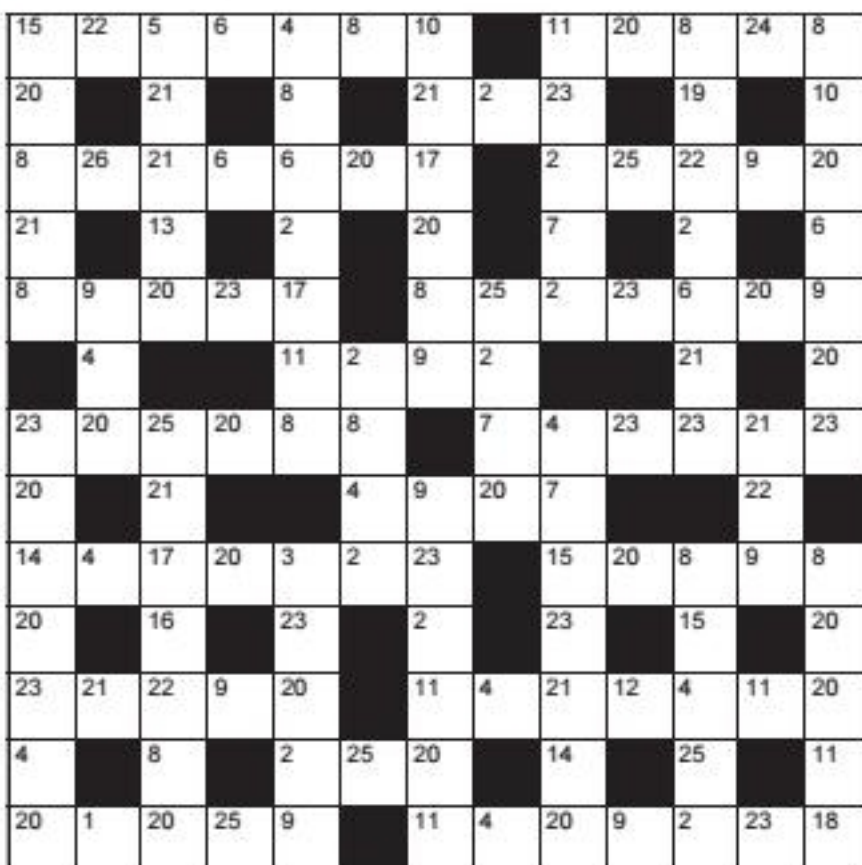
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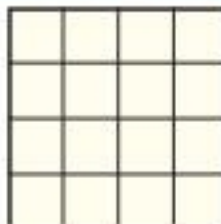
Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

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Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.



Quiz Challenge

- Which song was a UK No 1 hit for Blondie in 1980 and for Atomic Kitten in 2002?
- Which classic Ealing comedy was remade by the Coen brothers in 2004?
- Which ITV game show was hosted at different times by Nicky Campbell, Bradley Walsh and John Leslie?
- Two English cathedrals are World Heritage sites. Name one of them.
- Which type of cloth cap is named after the hero of a poem by Robert Burns?
- Gemma Whelan plays Yara Greyjoy, the commander of the ship Black Wind, in which fantasy drama TV series?
- With which car manufacturer would you associate the Picanto, Rio and Venga models?
- What is a group of six musicians called?
- In the Bible, who performed the Dance of the Seven Veils?
- Nessun Dorma is an aria from which opera?

NONAGRAM

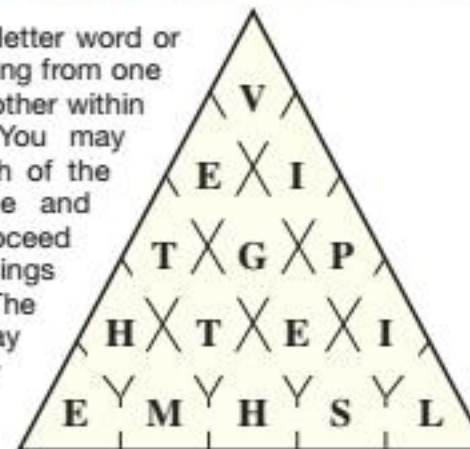


How many words of four letters or more can you make from this Nonagram? Each word must use the central letter, and each letter may be used only once. At least one word using all nine letters can be found.

Guidelines:
26 Good; 31 Very Good; 36 Excellent.
Any word found in the Concise Oxford Dictionary (Tenth Edition) is eligible with the following exceptions: proper nouns; plural nouns, pronouns and possessives; third person singular verbs; hyphenated words; contractions and abbreviations; vulgar slang words; variant spellings of the same word (where another variant is also eligible).

WORD PYRAMID

Spell out a 15-letter word or phrase by moving from one chamber to another within the pyramid. You may only enter each of the chambers once and may only proceed through openings in the walls. The first letter may appear in any chamber.



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Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

SUDOKU

Easy

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Hard

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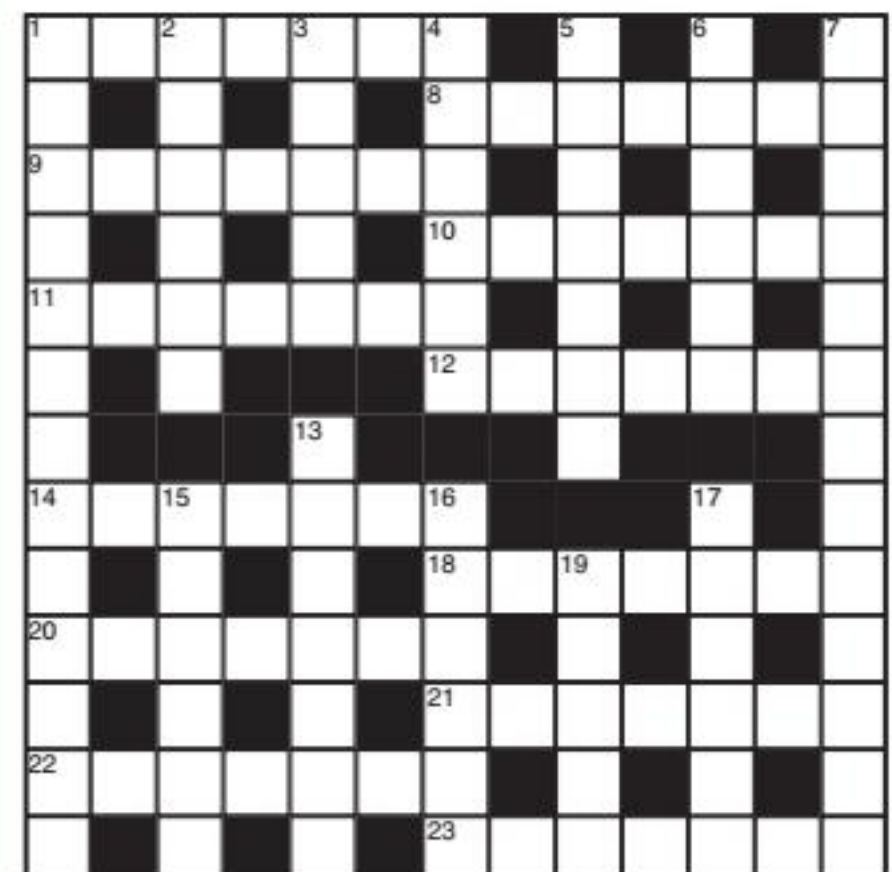
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Place the four signs (add, subtract, multiply, divide) one in each circle so that the total of each across and down line is the same. Perform the first calculation in each line first and ignore the mathematical law which says you should always perform division and multiplication before addition and subtraction.

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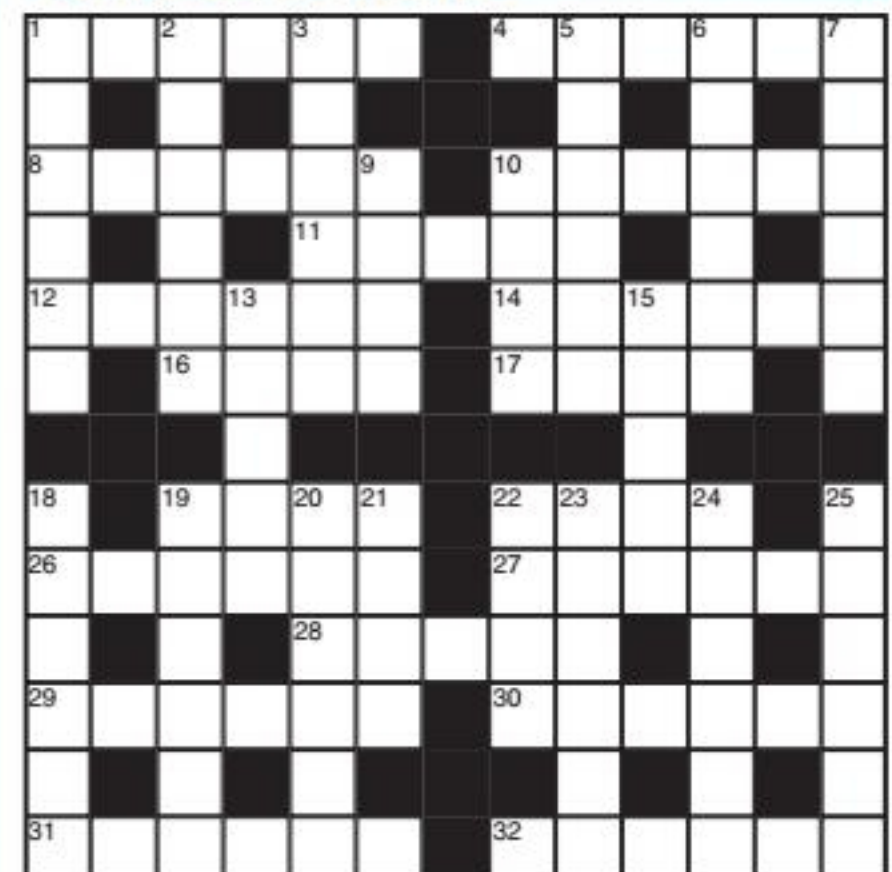
ACROSS

- Grumbled when guide leader was provoked (7)
- I'm arranging bribe for drinker (7)
- Not missing motionless substitutes when agile (7)
- Russell in small picture used acid (7)
- Hastily arrange to warm up for game (5,2)
- Finish with unusually sore back (7)
- Issue a free sample (7)
- Where one may work on the right for one in authority (7)
- We called in and left during the argument (7)
- Tom gets hold of hot water in French castle (7)
- A coin is exchanged in the capital (7)
- Begged to put penny on particular kind of petrol (7)

DOWN

- The way a hurricane might move rapidly (2,4,3,4)
- Publicly displayed when working at exhibition (2,4)
- Shaggy mass of hair will startle (5)
- Pass away quietly while taking exercise in French port (6)
- Is plentiful when spring comes in (7)
- A vehicle hesitantly used by one taking undue advantage of another (6)
- Insect crushed in playing area (7,6)
- Civic leader gets on stumbling block (7)
- Subtle difference pest is leaving (6)
- To step up using part of boot (6)
- A lot of writing on head of state's set of principles (6)
- Bit of snow starting to fall on the water (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Sense of taste (6)
- Terror (6)
- Scattered rubbish (6)
- No matter who (6)
- Construct (5)
- Fine worsted yarn (6)
- counter (6)
- English national flower (4)
- Tray (anag.) (4)
- Auction (4)
- Prison room (4)

- French Riviera resort (6)
- Format (6)
- Animal track (5)
- Oedema (6)
- Pang (6)
- Small stoned fruit (6)
- Assented (6)
- Agreed course of action (6)
- Second of two (6)
- Ancient Greek city (6)
- Plaster (6)

- Dazed (6)
- Hypothesis (6)
- Regulation (4)
- Seaweed (4)
- Female (5)
- European country (5)
- Sour (6)
- Short sleep (6)
- Smaller (6)
- Catch sight of (4)
- Coagulate (4)
- Insect (6)
- Living room (6)
- Pay head (6)

SOLUTIONS

CROSS CODE:
(1) Across – Knives; Over; Silky.
(2) Down – Knows; Ideal; Essay.
(3) Across – Witch; Idiom; Guess.
(4) Down – Whing; Tide; Homes.
(5) Down – 1 Go like the wind; 2 On show; 3 Shock; 4 Dieppe; 5 Abundant; 6 Abuser; 7 Cricket ground; 13 Congest; 15 Nuance; 16 Topcap; 17 Scream; 19 Flake.
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Pointless

9.15am Murder, Mystery and My Family
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under Revisited
11.45am Caught Red Handed

12.15pm Bargain Hunt

1.00pm BBC News at One
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1.45pm Doctors
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3.00pm Escape to the Country
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6.00pm BBC News at Six

6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm MasterChef
9.00pm Not Going Out
9.30pm Still Game
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Question Time
11.45pm This Week
12.30am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.35am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

6.30pm Great
British Railway
Journeys Goes
to Ireland

7.15am Wanted Down Under Revisited
8.00am Earth's Natural Wonders
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

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6.30pm Great British Railway
Journeys Goes to Ireland
7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea
8.00pm Great Continental
Railway Journeys
9.00pm Civilisations
10.00pm Match of the Day
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Top Gear
12.15am Nigel Slater's Middle
East: Turkey
1.15am Royal Recipes
2.00am This is BBC Two

ITV

8.00pm
Emmerdale

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm James Martin's American
Adventure
3.00pm Tenable
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Tonight
8.00pm Emmerdale
8.30pm The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
9.00pm Rachel Nickell: The
Untold Story
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm UEFA Europa League Highlights
11.45pm Play to the Whistle
12.35am Lethal Weapon
1.20am Jackpot247

Channel 4

9.00pm
Married at
First Sight

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.00am Ramsay's Kitchen
Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
4.00pm A New Life in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Crufts 2018
9.00pm Married at First Sight
10.00pm The Job Interview
11.05pm Gogglebox
12.10am Seven Year Switch
1.05am One Born Every Minute
2.00am Damned
2.30am Electric Dreams
3.25am Dispatches
3.55am Coast v Country
4.50am Location, Location, Location

Channel 5

8.00pm
Bargain Loving
Brits in the Sun

8.20am Digby Dragon
8.35am Rusty Rivets
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.20pm NCIS
3.20pm A Bone to Pick: An Aurora
Teagarden Mystery
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Secret Life of Kittens
8.00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
9.00pm Do the Right Thing with
Eamonn and Ruth
10.00pm The Nightmare Neighbour
Next Door
11.05pm Nightmare Tenants,
Slum Landlords
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am Cowboy Builders
4.00am Now That's Funny!
4.45am House Doctor

Advertorial

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2018TSC & MG
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with
Lodge Hill Garage MGWe will be giving away
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or info@theschoolschallenge.co.uk
For full rules please visit www.theschoolschallenge.co.uk
www.lodgehillgarage.co.uk

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MG Car Company and The Oxford Gun Company have teamed up to provide one of the biggest prizes for young sportsmen and women ever offered. Lodge Hill Garage MG was pleased to team up with The Oxford Gun Company as they both have a long history of good customer service. It has always been our aim to encourage youngsters to take up sport with the aim of representing their County at International level. The Schools Challenge Group competitions start on Wednesday 14th March and run until December with nine qualifying rounds leading up to the final to encourage them to work to improve over the year. Lodge Hill Garage MG will be working with The Oxford Gun Company to promote MG cars throughout Oxfordshire and the surrounding Counties. Progress can be followed on our very own

Youtube channel, which is now the fastest growing shooting Youtube channel in the world. The Shooting Channel link can be found by logging on to: https://youtu.be/_UNjq7fQtGs

For more information about MG Cars please phone or email Darren Corps (Head Of Sales) 01865 326666 or cars@lodgehillgarage.com and for more information about The Schools Challenge or The Oxford Gun Company please phone David on 01844 238 308 or email: David@oxfordguncompany.co.uk

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Nigel Murrin MD of Lodge Hill Garage and Doug Florent of the Oxford Gun Company launched the partnership of the two companies at the Oxford Gun Company's grounds in Oakley Oxfordshire.

Two MG 3's will be given away as first prizes in the School's Challenge; one for top boy and one for top girl. Nigel said on the day 'It's a great opportunity for two local companies to join together to promote their products.'



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Friday March 9th

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Antiques Road Trip

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BBC 2

8.00pm
Mastermind

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Mickey Blue Eyes

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Opening Ceremony Live

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8.30pm Room 101
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7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea
8.00pm Mastermind
8.30pm Gardeners' World
9.00pm Putin: The New Tsar
10.00pm QI
10.30pm Newsnight
11.05pm The Assassination of Gianni
Versace - American Crime Story
11.55pm Amazing Hotels: Life
Beyond the Lobby
12.55am Girls on the Edge

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm Love Your Garden
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Lethal Weapon
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories
11.45pm Mickey Blue Eyes
1.25am Jackpot247
3.00am Alphabetical
3.50am ITV Nightscreen

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Crufts 2018
9.00pm Gogglebox
10.00pm The Last Leg
11.05pm 8 Out of 10 Cats
11.55pm The Inbetweeners
12.30am Winter Paralympics Live
6.00am Winter Paralympics Live

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Gadget Show
8.00pm The Yorkshire Steam
Railway: All Aboard
9.00pm Jane McDonald and Friends
10.00pm Will and Grace
10.30pm French and Saunders
11.30pm That's So... 1990
12.15am Super Casino
3.10am The X Files
4.00am The X Files
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Nick's Quest

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Saturday March 10th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.00pm Troy:
Fall of a City10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Classic Mary Berry

BBC 2

7.00pm
Amazing Hotels:
Life Beyond
the Lobby7.30am Dengineers
8.00am Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
8.30am Beyond Bionic
9.00am Robot Wars
10.00am Gorilla Family and Me
11.00am Homes Under the Hammer

ITV

11.05pm 2
Fast 2 Furious9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with
James Martin
11.25am Dancing on Ice

Channel 4

10.50pm
First Dates8.00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
9.00am Frasier
9.30am Frasier
10.30am The Big Bang Theory
11.55am The Simpsons

Channel 5

5.00pm
The Secret Life
of Kittens10.05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.35am Make You Laugh Out Loud
11.00am Britain's Greatest Bridges
11.15am The Gadget Show12.00pm Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.10pm Weather
1.15pm MasterChef
2.15pm Coast and Country Auctions
3.00pm Money for Nothing
4.00pm Six Nations Rugby Union12.00pm Cats v Dogs: Which is Best?
1.00pm The Caine Mutiny
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.30pm Me and My Dog
4.30pm Final Score
5.30pm Flog It!1.15pm ITV News and Weather
1.25pm Six Nations Live
4.30pm Paul O'grady: For the
Love of Dogs
5.00pm The Chase12.25pm The Simpsons
12.55pm The Simpsons
1.25pm Come Dine with Me
2.25pm Coast v Country
3.25pm A Place in the Sun
4.30pm Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
5.30pm Channel 4 News12.15pm Police Interceptors
1.15pm Police Interceptors
2.15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
3.10pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
4.05pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
5.00pm The Secret Life of Kittens7.00pm BBC News
7.10pm Regional News
7.15pm Weather
7.20pm Pointless
8.10pm Casualty
9.00pm Troy: Fall of a City
10.00pm BBC News
10.15pm Weather
10.20pm Match of the Day
11.45pm A Few Best Men
1.15am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.20am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast6.00pm Hugh's Wild West
7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life
Beyond the Lobby
8.00pm David Attenborough's
Natural Curiosities
8.30pm Dad's Army
9.00pm Hitchcock's Shower
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11.15pm Dial M for Murder
12.55am The Lady Vanishes
2.25am Civilisations
3.25am This is BBC Two
6.10am Coast6.00pm ITV News and Weather
6.15pm Local News and Weather
6.30pm You've Been Framed!
7.00pm Ant and Dec's Saturday
Night Takeaway
8.30pm The Voice UK
9.50pm Piers Morgan's Life Stories
10.40pm ITV News and Weather
11.05pm 2 Fast 2 Furious
1.05am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am CITV6.00pm Winter Paralympics Today
7.00pm Crufts 2018
9.00pm 45 Years
10.50pm First Dates
11.55pm The Inbetweeners
12.30am Winter Paralympics Live
5.00am Food Unwrapped
5.30am Streetmate
5.55am Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free
6.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
6.35am 3rd Rock from the Sun6.00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
7.00pm Brunel
8.00pm Brunel
8.55pm 5 News
9.00pm Football on 5
10.00pm Football on 5
10.30pm Jane McDonald and Friends
11.25pm Celebrity Five Go Motorhoming
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Sunday March 11th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

8.00pm Call the Midwife



7.30am Match of the Day
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Sunday Politics

12.15pm BBC News
12.25pm Weather for the Week Ahead
12.30pm MasterChef
1.30pm MasterChef
2.00pm Songs of Praise
2.35pm Six Nations Rugby Union
5.05pm Earth's Natural Wonders

6.05pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News
6.25pm Weather
6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Hold the Sunset
8.00pm Call the Midwife
9.00pm Sir Bruce Forsyth: A Celebration
10.05pm BBC News
10.25pm Regional News
10.30pm Weather
10.35pm Match of the Day 2
11.35pm Fright Night
1.10am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.15am BBC News

BBC 2

9.00pm Life and Death Row



8.35am Countryfile
9.30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.00am Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
11.45am Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook

12.15pm MOTD2 Extra
1.00pm The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives
2.00pm Money for Nothing
2.45pm Laura
4.10pm Back in Time for Tea
5.10pm World's Most Extraordinary Homes

6.10pm Deep Impact
8.00pm Top Gear
9.00pm Life and Death Row
10.20pm Have I Got a Bit More
Old News for You
11.00pm Top Gear Extra Gear
11.25pm Women's Six Nations Highlights
11.45pm Question Time
12.45am Panorama
1.55am This is BBC Two
6.00am Caught Red Handed
6.30am Coast and Country Auctions

ITV

12.30pm Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway



9.25am ITV News
9.30am Love Your Garden
10.00am Peston on Sunday
11.00am The Voice UK

12.20pm ITV News and Weather
12.30pm Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
2.00pm Britain's Brightest Family
2.30pm Catchphrase
3.30pm Tipping Point
4.30pm ITV News and Weather
4.45pm Local News and Weather
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm Dancing on Ice
8.00pm Endeavour
10.00pm ITV News and Weather
10.15pm Peston on Sunday
11.15pm Six Nations Highlights
12.15am 100 Year Old Driving School
12.40am Marcella
1.30am Jackpot247
3.00am Take on the Twisters
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

9.00pm Homeland



7.00am Tennis
8.00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
9.00am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

12.30pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
1.05pm The Simpsons
1.40pm The Simpsons
2.10pm The Simpsons
2.40pm The Simpsons
3.10pm The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
4.25pm Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
5.30pm Channel 4 News

6.00pm Winter Paralympics Today
7.00pm Crufts 2018
9.00pm Homeland
10.00pm The Last Leg Winter Paralympic Special
11.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12.00am Married at First Sight
1.00am The Inbetweeners
1.30am Winter Paralympics Live
6.00am Winter Paralympics Live

Channel 5

3.30pm Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2



10.05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.40am Football on 5
11.30am Football on 5

12.00pm Police Interceptors
1.00pm Police Interceptors
2.00pm Open Season 2
3.30pm Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
5.15pm Journey 2: The Mysterious Island

7.00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8.00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8.55pm 5 News
9.00pm A Walk Among the Tombstones
11.10pm Rise of the Krays
1.10am Super Casino
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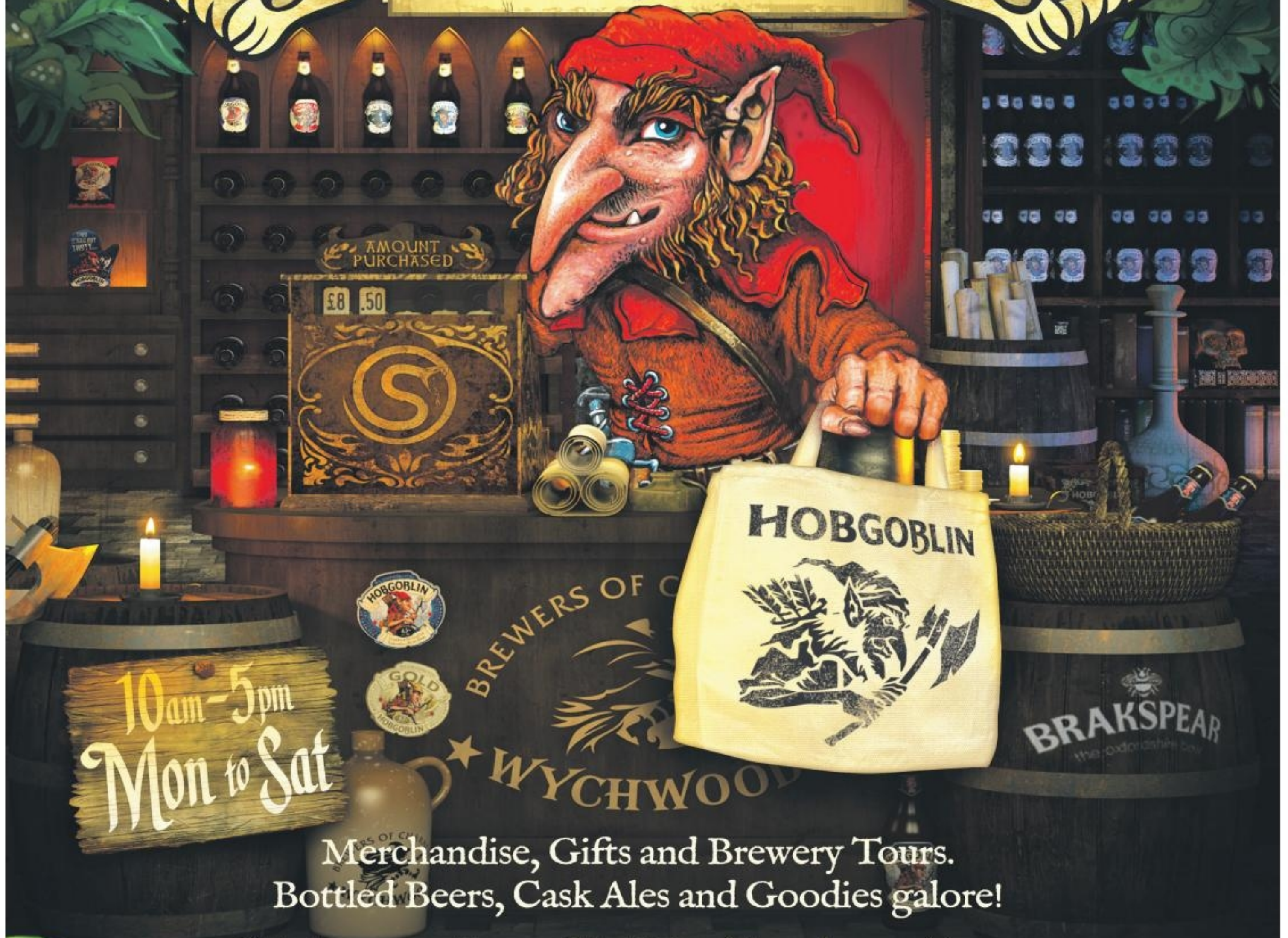
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Monday March 12th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.00pm
MasterChef

9.15am Holding Back the Years
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am The Sheriffs are Coming
11.45am Caught Red Handed

BBC 2

8.00pm
Only Connect

7.15am Wanted Down Under Revisited
8.00am Hugh's Wild West
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live
11.30am The Week in Parliament

ITV

7.30pm
Coronation Street

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

Channel 4

8.30pm Food
Unwrapped

8.00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
9.00am Frasier
9.35am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen
Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

Channel 5

11.00pm
The X Files

9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News
1.30pm Regional News
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Escape to the Country
2.45pm Commonwealth
Observance Day
4.15pm Flog It!
5.15pm Pointless

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Women's Six Nations Highlights
1.30pm Yes Chef
2.15pm Your Home in Their Hands
3.15pm Planet Earth I
4.15pm Into the Wild with
Gordon Buchanan
5.15pm Put Your Money Where
Your Mouth Is

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Tenable
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm A Place in the Sun
4.00pm A New Life in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

12.10pm 5 News
12.15pm The Gadget Show
1.10pm Access
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm A Surrogate's Terror
5.00pm 5 News
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm BBC News
6.30pm Regional News
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Inside Out
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Classic Mary Berry
9.00pm MasterChef
10.00pm BBC News
10.30pm Regional News
10.40pm Weather
10.45pm Imagine...
12.25am Have I Got a Bit More
Old News for You
1.10am Weather for the Week Ahead

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm The Repair Shop
7.00pm Top Gear
8.00pm Only Connect
8.30pm University Challenge
9.00pm Being Blacker
10.30pm Newsnight
11.10pm Weather
11.15pm Putin: The New Tsar
12.15am Odyssey
12.55am Odyssey
1.40am Panorama
2.10am Countryfile
3.05am Royal Recipes

6.00pm Local News and Weather
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm The Kyle Files
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Marcella
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.45pm Rachel Nickell: The
Untold Story
11.50pm The Kyle Files
12.15am 100 Years Younger in 21 Days
1.05am Jackpot247
3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Winter Paralympics Today
8.00pm Dispatches
8.30pm Food Unwrapped
9.00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody
10.00pm Electric Dreams
11.00pm Winter Paralympics Highlights
12.15am Winter Paralympics Live
6.00am Winter Paralympics Live

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News
7.00pm Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights
8.00pm Extreme Winter Road Rescue
9.00pm Super Scary Plane Landings
10.00pm Police
11.00pm The X Files
11.55pm Traffic Cops
12.55am Britain's Greatest Bridges
1.10am Super Casino
3.10am Cowboy Builders
4.00am Now That's Funny!
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am HouseBusters

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Tuesday March 13th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.00pm
Shetland

9.15am Holding Back the Years
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am The Sheriffs are Coming
11.45am Caught Red Handed

BBC 2

7.00pm Saving
Lives at Sea

7.15am The Sheriffs are Coming
8.00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

ITV

11.15pm
Benidorm

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

Channel 4

6.30pm
Hollyoaks

8.00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
9.00am Frasier
9.35am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen
Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

Channel 5

9.00pm
Wild Britain with
Ray Mears

9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
12.10pm 5 News

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News
1.30pm Regional News
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm A Place to Call Home
3.10pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm Coast and Country Auctions
4.30pm Flog It!
5.15pm Pointless

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm The Super League Show
1.45pm Yes Chef
2.30pm Your Home in Their Hands
3.30pm Planet Earth I
4.30pm Into the Wild with
Gordon Buchanan
5.30pm Put Your Money Where
Your Mouth Is

12.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Cheltenham Festival
4.30pm Best Walks with a View
with Julia Bradbury
5.00pm The Chase

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm A Place in the Sun
4.00pm A New Life in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

12.15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1.10pm Access
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm McBride: It's Murder, Madam
5.00pm 5 News
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm BBC News
6.30pm Regional News
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Holby City
9.00pm Shetland
10.00pm BBC News
10.30pm Regional News
10.40pm Weather
10.45pm This Country
11.15pm Rehab: Addicted Lives
12.35am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.40am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm The Repair Shop
7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea
8.00pm Back in Time for Tea
9.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life
Beyond the Lobby
10.00pm Mum
10.25pm The Archiveologists
10.30pm Newsnight
11.10pm Weather
11.15pm World's Most
Extraordinary Homes
12.15am MasterChef
1.15am An Island Parish

6.00pm Local News and Weather
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
8.00pm What Would Your Kid Do?
9.00pm 100 Years Younger in 21 Days
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.45pm The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
11.15pm Benidorm
12.15am Piers Morgan's Life Stories
1.05am Jackpot247
3.00am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Winter Paralympics Today
8.00pm The Great Celebrity Bake
Off for Stand Up to Cancer
9.15pm Seven Year Switch
10.20pm Gogglebox
11.00pm Winter Paralympics Highlights
12.15am Winter Paralympics Live
6.00am Winter Paralympics Live

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News
7.00pm World Rally Championship
Highlights
8.00pm Secrets of the National Trust
with Alan Titchmarsh
9.00pm Wild Britain with Ray Mears
10.00pm Elizabeth: Our Queen Revealed
11.05pm The Yorkshire Steam
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MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

8.00pm DIY
SOS the Big Build

9.15am Holding Back the Years
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am The Sheriffs are Coming
11.45am Caught Red Handed
12.15pm Bargain Hunt

1.00pm BBC News
1.30pm Regional News
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm A Place to Call Home
3.10pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm Coast and Country Auctions
4.30pm Flog It!
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News
6.30pm Regional News
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Panorama
8.00pm DIY SOS the Big Build
9.00pm Saving the British Bulldog
10.00pm BBC News
10.30pm Regional News
10.40pm Weather
10.45pm A Question of Sport
11.15pm Film 2018
11.45pm The Artist
1.20am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.25am BBC News

BBC 2

9.00pm The
Assassination of
Gianni Versace
- American
Crime Story

7.15am The Sheriffs are Coming
8.00am Great British Railway Journeys
8.30am Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live
11.30am The Daily Politics

1.00pm Two Tribes
1.30pm Yes Chef
2.15pm Your Home in Their Hands
3.15pm Planet Earth I
4.15pm Into the Wild with
Gordon Buchanan
5.15pm Put Your Money Where
Your Mouth Is

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm The Repair Shop
7.00pm Saving Lives at Sea
8.00pm World's Most
Extraordinary Homes
9.00pm The Assassination of Gianni
Versace - American Crime Story
9.50pm Live at the Apollo
10.30pm Newsnight
11.10pm Weather
11.15pm Amazing Hotels: Life
Beyond the Lobby
12.15am David Attenborough's
Natural Curiosities

ITV

9.00pm
Benidorm

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Cheltenham Festival
4.30pm Best Walks with a View
with Julia Bradbury
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm Local News and Weather
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm Britain's Brightest Family
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Benidorm
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.45pm UEFA Champions
League Highlights
11.45pm Play to the Whistle
12.40am Jackpot247
3.00am Tenable
3.50am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

8.00pm
The Supertvet

8.00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
9.00am Frasier
9.35am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen
Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm A Place in the Sun
4.00pm A New Life in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
7.30pm Winter Paralympics Today
8.00pm The Supertvet
9.00pm One Born Every Minute
10.00pm Damned
10.30pm 8 Out of 10 Cats
11.00pm Winter Paralympics Highlights
12.15am Winter Paralympics Live
4.30am Coast v Country
5.25am Food Unwrapped
5.50am Streetmate
6.15am 3rd Rock from the Sun

Channel 5

8.00pm
GPs: Behind
Closed Doors

9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!

12.10pm 5 News
12.15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1.05pm Access
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Buried Secrets
5.00pm 5 News
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News
7.00pm Extreme Winter Road Rescue
8.00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
9.00pm Violent Child, Desperate Parents
10.00pm When Talent Shows
Go Horribly Wrong
1.00am Super Casino
3.10am Cowboy Builders
4.00am Now That's Funny!
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am HouseBusters
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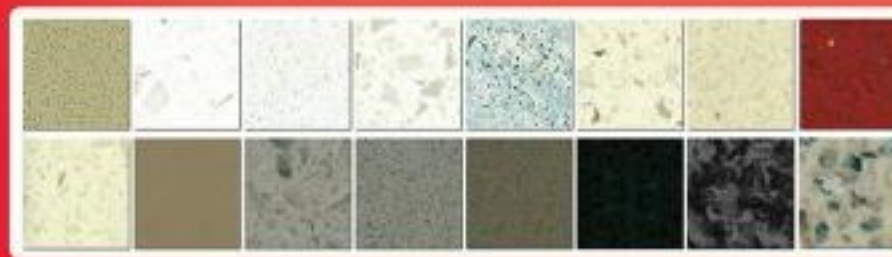
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Anyone who follows my blog will know that I like to explore the 'inside story' of the Oxford property market, digging beneath the headlines to understand the market at a more 'granular' level.

To much commentary on the Oxford property market takes the latest 1-month trend and uses it to justify a doom-laden headline. For me the true picture must take account of data for a full 12 month period and land registry is the one source of the truth based as it is on completed transactions.

In January 2018, Oxford house prices were 5% higher over the last 12 months. So Oxford didn't follow London in the doldrums as some (a hem...including me) predicted could happen in 2017. But, the number of completed transactions was down 21% with just 2,618 house sales being completed. The average price achieved was £422,055 meaning Oxford and Cambridge were the only two UK cities other than London to have an average price beginning with a '4'. Oxford

remains the least affordable UK city when average house price is compared to average income earned in the City.

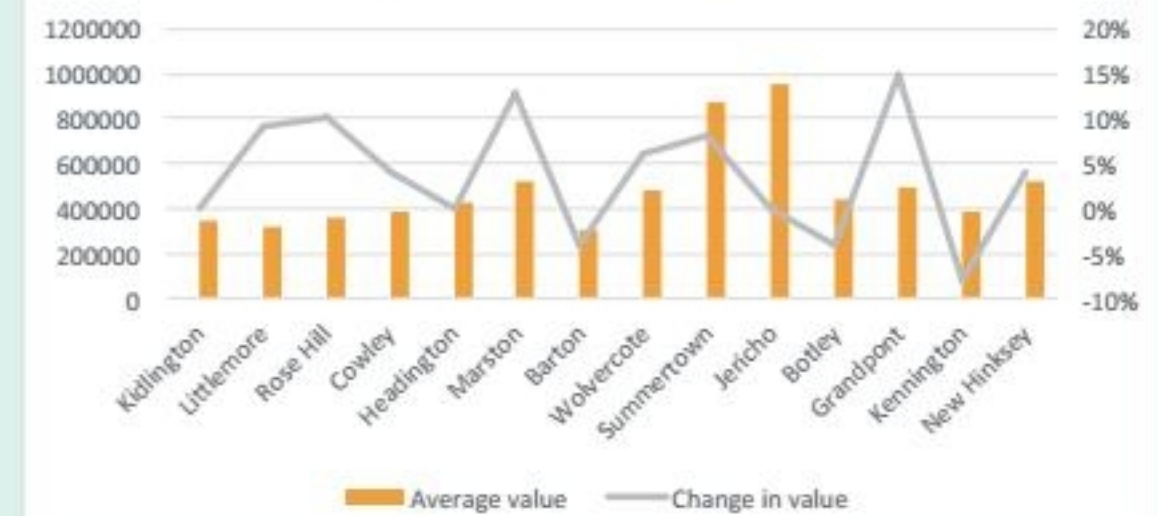
Central OX1 experienced the largest fall in transaction volumes, down a quarter, with OX4 down just 11%. But OX5 average price was up just 1% when OX2 was up 11%. The spread on average price was £233,742 with OX2 dragging-up the average. OX4 saw the highest number of completed transactions. (SEE TABLE A: LAND REGISTRY DATA)

But post code areas are still too large to get a sufficiently granular understanding of what's going on out there. And, it is always good policy to look at data from different sources. So let's look at some of Oxford's key areas using data from Rightmove. This data is based on properties sold on Rightmove rather than the whole market.

The table [or graph] below shows average price achieved for 14 of Oxford's best known residential areas, and also how those averages have changed

compared to the prior 12-month period. Straight away it can be seen that each post code can hide enormous variation in average values and in the change over a 12-month period. Prices in OX1 have changed by between -8% in Kennington to +15% on Grandpont. The only consistently positive shift in prices was seen in OX4 with Rose Hill, Littlemore and Cowley each in positive territory. The worst performing sub-market was Kennington and the best performing Grandpont, closely followed by Marston, Rose Hill and Littlemore. All strong owner-occupier markets offering a good range of affordable homes. (SEE TABLE B: RIGHT-

Average house value and movement



MOVE DATA)

So what about the rental market I hear landlord readers ask? Across Oxford average rents rose by just 1% compared the prior year averaging £1,207 per calendar month. But this too hides some variation between property type. Detached home rents rose 3.1%; semi-detached 3.2%; terraced 3.7%; and, flats 0.16%. So it

can be seen that Oxford apartments which were over 45% of all tenancies, were impacted more than other property types. So why was that? My own opinion is that the negativity surrounding Brexit adversely impacted demand from foreign nationals wanting to study in Oxford, undermining demand for central-Oxford apartments.

It's millennials who are driving demand for Oxford rentals, at least that's the common narrative. But in fact, the average age of an Oxford tenant is 33. 50% of all demand comes from people over the age of 29 and 22% from people over the age of 39. So in reality the demand for rental properties is shifting to include young families who need 3 and 4 bedroom properties in areas with schools, easy access to schools and good road and rail links.

I'd be delighted to hear from any reader keen to find out more about the Oxford property market, and please do visit www.OxfordPropertyBlog.co.uk for more of my thoughts about the market.

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Table A: Land registry data

	Number of transactions	Change in transactions	Average achieved price	Change in value
OX5	344	-14%	£347,302	1%
OX4	586	-11%	£354,791	6%
OX3	401	-16%	£412,904	6%
OX2	472	-17%	£588,533	11%
OX1	187	-25%	£452,213	3%
Oxford	2847	-14%	£422,055	5%

Table B: Rightmove data

	Post code	Average value	Change in value
Kidlington	OX5	£346,859	0%
Littlemore		£323,315	9%
Rose Hill		£354,855	10%
Cowley	OX4	£392,723	4%
Headington		£420,503	0%
Marston		£516,692	13%
Barton	OX3	£299,542	-4%
Wolvercote		£479,036	6%
Summertown		£871,561	8%
Jericho		£960,524	0%
Botley	OX2	£436,654	-4%
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By **Tony Yates**

FOR some reason, it's been a while since I reviewed a BMW, and for reasons, I can't explain. Although, I think it might be because I'm pretty busy with everything else right about now.

Well thankfully, this week I have some spare time and I managed to borrow a lovely 520d M Sport for this week's review, which means you get a lovely BMW review written by me in all its glory. You have to remember - I'm not here to convince you to buy any of the cars I review, I'm merely here to point out the bits that I find interesting and the parts that I feel are worth taking a look at. The funny thing is, I get asked all the time what is the best car to buy, and I always say 'any one that takes your fancy'.

Power & efficiency

The 520d I had on test was powered by a TwinPower Turbo four-cylinder diesel engine with 190hp (140kW) which produces sharp responsiveness with the added bonus of 400Nm of torque that

easily manages to complete the 0-62 mph sprint in just 7.5 seconds, yet returns a combined 60+ mpg - which you have to admit is pretty amazing. I am also going to be bold here and say that it really is a brilliant engine and BMW have done a fantastic job of wringing out every last bit of horsepower.

On the road

As you would expect the 520d handling is poised thanks to the BMW engineers setting up the suspension with perfect precision, although the ride can in itself be a little soft, which to be honest, is just how I like it. Don't be fooled though by its soft ride. All that is needed is the push of a few buttons and the 520d suddenly becomes an aggressive animal in all the right places.

As long as I can remember, the 5 Series has always had a lovely soothing ride, along with a perfect and well-balanced chassis that is right behind you when you are truly giving it the beans around a tight corner. Coming into this review, I was so worried that the 5 series might have lost some of its BMW DNA.



Well, thankfully, it has not.

Equipment, safety & technology

As you would expect from BMW, the cabin materials are exceptional quality and this runs right through the veins of the 520d. There is even more good news - because it looks like BMW really have listened to what their customers

want. It's not just lush inside the cabin, it's beautiful, which is a big thumbs up from me to the BMW designers. Plus, I love how all the dials and switches are set out in such a way that the driver will always feel they have fingertip control with everything they do, which is what driving a BMW is all about - 'being effortless to drive'.

Also, being an M Sport, there's plenty of standard kit - like, 18" light alloy M Double-spoke style 662 M wheels. Exte-

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There is also an abundance of BMW driver assistance systems that cover a wide range of functions in the 520d, all combining an intelligent combination of different technologies to enhance safety, comfort and efficiency.

To sum up

I like the 520d M Sport - thanks mainly to how it makes you feel when you drive it. Actually, I'm not sure it could get any better. Once again BMW has proved why the 520d M Sport is a car that ticks all the boxes for the modern driver and why I think everyone needs one in their life.

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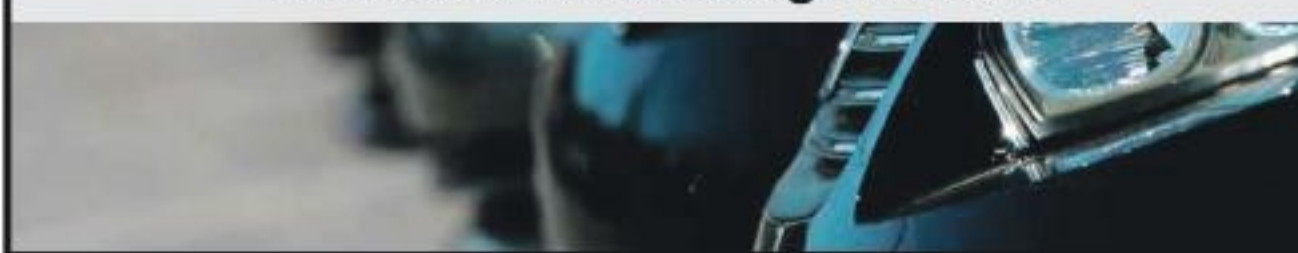
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Sport

Teams' testing hots up in Spain

By George Welch

F1

LAST week they were building snowmen, this week it is sandcastles as normal weather returned for the second week of Formula 1 testing.

More appropriate Spanish weather at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya meant all 10 teams could really stretch the legs of their new cars for the first time.

The flashy new cars hit the circuit for the four-day tester on Tuesday, with positive vibes coming from all three Oxfordshire teams.

Lance Stroll believes the Williams FW41 is a big improvement on last year's challenger, but it is how everybody else has improved that will determine how the Grove-based outfit will fare in a tight mid-field battle.

Sirotkin recorded a respectable time on Tuesday morning after contesting bodywork and balance issues while Stroll, in the cockpit for the afternoon, completed a race

distance for the first time. Together they managed 131 laps.

Stroll, who won't look too much into being adrift at the bottom of the timesheet on the first day, said: "I have the first race distance of the year under my belt now and it was positive."

"I believe we have made a step forward compared to where we were last year. I don't know where we will be compared to everyone else, but compared to last year's car, it definitely feels quite a bit better."

Chief technical officer Paddy Lowe added: "We're very happy to cover a lot of laps, including our first race distance with the FW41 without incident."

Renault might be closest to the top three as Nico Hulkenberg, again sharing duty with Carlos Sainz, let his team-mate do most of the talking.

Chief technical officer Bob Bell described Hulkenberg's session as "scrappy" as the Enstone team spent longer than anticipated in the garage with the second chassis.

Banbury-based Haas appear to have made a strong start to 2018,



Nico Hulkenberg puts the Renault through its paces
Picture: Renault Sport Formula One Team

Kevin Magnussen looking initially more comfortable with the car than Romain Grosjean.

Magnussen, who managed 96 laps out on his own on Tuesday, said: "I'd

say it was our first proper day. I'm happy and positive after the day."

Testing continues until tomorrow (Friday) as teams prepare for lights out in Melbourne on March 25.

Jaguar seal another good performance to go third

Formula E

ANOTHER consistent performance and a record points haul in Mexico City lifted Jaguar up to third in the Formula E team standings.

The Grove-based outfit scooped 20 points – their best return in a season and a bit in the sport – to overtake DS

Virgin Racing.

Brazilian Nelson Piquet Jr battled it out for a podium finish with Renault e.dams driver Sebastian Buemi but had to settle for fourth, while team-mate Mitch Evans climbed from a 12th-placed start to cross the line in sixth.

Piquet, who described the race in South America as "solid", admits he needs to improve on his P8 start to

make the podium.

Evans added: "It was a good race for us. I started 12th and finished sixth so I'm definitely happy with that."

Piquet and Evans remain fifth and seventh in the drivers' championship respectively.

Meanwhile, Grove-based driver Alex Lynn finished 10th for his DS Virgin Racing team.

The 24-year-old's solitary point was the team's only one after team-mate and drivers' championship hopeful Sam Bird battled with penalties and a collision with Renault e.dams driver Nico Prost. He finished outside the points in 17th.

Punta del Este in Uruguay is the setting for the sixth E-Prix of the season on March 17.

'As prepared as we can be' ahead of season opener

MotoGP

BRADLEY Smith is ready and raring to go for the new season after completing pre-season testing in Qatar last week.

The three-day tester was the last of three sessions ahead of the season opener at the same Losail

International Circuit on March 18.

Forest Hill rider Smith had a small crash on the second day but picked himself up again on Saturday for the final round to record his and his team's best time.

The 27-year-old's 1.150 seconds off leader Johann Zarco left him in 14th place, his best return from all three pre-season tests.

"It's nice to finally finish the tests and iron out some of the details ready for the start of the season," Smith, looking forward to the new season, said.

"We are already 1.2 seconds faster than we were last year here, so we have to be very pleased."

He added: "We've made good progress over the last 12 months and

we can be proud.

"We'll now see what the race weekend brings. We are as prepared as we can be."

Team-mate Pol Espargaro, who returned to the KTM RC16 after injuring himself in Malaysia in January, finished 20th (+1.460) while test driver Mika Kallio was 25th (+3.189).

SkyBet League One

Saturday 3 March
Oxford United P-P Fleetwood Town
(Rearranged for April 10)

Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final

Tuesday 6 March
Oxford City 1-0 Oxford United

Vanarama National League South

Saturday 3 March
Wealdstone P-P Oxford City
(Rearranged for April 11)

Evo-Stik South Premier

Saturday 3 March
St Neots Town P-P Banbury United

Evo-Stik South East

Saturday 3 March
Ashford Town P-P Thame United
Tuesday 6 March
AFC Rushden & Diamonds 6-0 Thame United

Evo-Stik South West

Saturday 3 March
Evesham United P-P Kidlington
Mangotsfield P-P North Leigh
Tuesday 6 March
North Leigh 0-1 AFC Totton
Shortwood United P-P Kidlington

UHSport Hellenic League Premier Division

Saturday 3 March
Nomads P-P Brimscombe & Thrupp
(Rearranged for March 27)
Tuesday 6 March
Tuffley Rovers 1-2 Wantage Town

History-making win for Brookes

Rowing

OXFORD Brookes University Boat Club's Rowing 1st and 2nd men's eights made history on Sunday when they beat crews from Boat Race hopefuls Cambridge University on the Tideway.

It is the first time that a Brookes crew has beaten both Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews in the same year.

The Cambridge Blue Boat won the toss and elected to take the Surrey station for both pieces.

It was Cambridge who scored the first blow, and by Fulham FC's Craven Cottage, the light blues led by around half a length.

As both crews came straight into the final stages of the race, Brookes pushed hard, and quickly came back level.

By the end of piece, Brookes had gained a lead of a full length.

After a short break the crews lined up alongside Chiswick Eyot to start the second piece.

Cambridge moved out to a slight lead but as the course straightened out, Brookes had moved through.

Brookes were able to push out to a lead of half a length, which they extended to a full length for a thrilling, hard fought finish.

Brookes Rowing race again this weekend, with both the Head of the River Race and the Women's eights Head of the River Race.

Hard work pays off for successful club swimmers at meet

Swimming

ABINGDON Vale Swimming Club enjoyed a successful county championships breaking seven club records during the four-weekend long event.

AVSC boasted more than 60 swimmers competing in the Oxford and North Bucks County Championships.

Between them, they achieved 132 top eight placings, delivered 223 personal bests, and gained 50 regional qualifying times.

Head coach Amanda Ford said: "Our results this year have been achieved due to our emphasis on process goals. As well as coaching swimming, we teach swimmers the value of hard work, consistency of skills focus and team spirit."

"This recent success is due to the



hard work of our coaches, the support of our committee and our swimmers, and the commitment of our parent helpers who get stuck in when needed with enthusiasm.

"It's great to see all these things coming together so well."



Stand out performances came from Bethan Lillistone, 11, who picked up four silver and one bronze medal, and Natalia Druett, 15, who won six age group medals.

Natalia also finished first in the Junior and second in the Open



Championships for 100 metre breaststroke.

Lottie James, 14, won a total of 11 age group medals, including six golds, while Joseph Bradshaw, 20, finished second in the 50m freestyle Open Championship.

Happy to be back on the pitch after injury

By George Welch

CROCKED midfielder Ivo Pekalski is on the comeback trail after making his first couple of appearances since injuring his knee a week after joining the club last summer.

The Swedish international played an hour in a behind-closed-doors friendly against QPR last week before playing 72 minutes against Oxford City in Tuesday night's 1-0 defeat at Court Place Farm in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final on Tuesday.

The delighted 27-year-old said after the 2-2 draw with QPR: "I was happy about returning to the pitch. After being out for six and a half months it was a big step.

"You can do things in the gym but you never [beat] the feeling as the game. I'm happy about it and I just want to keep on working."

Pekalski is hopeful of making a first team appearance before the end of the season, although the club want him to get more minutes under his belt before he is considered for the first team.

But the Swede is refusing to set timelines.

He said: "It's very important to do this step-by-step. I'm happy for now but it will take time to get into top shape.

"It's only by day-by-day work. I

Ivo Pelaski wants to keep on working at getting his match fitness back



would love to say 'this day I'm there' but it's a process."

Also making their comebacks in the last couple of weeks were Mike Williamson and Cameron Brannagan.

First teamers Canice Carroll and Malachi Napa also featured alongside the youngsters on Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, promising young goalkeeper Jack Stevens has signed a new deal to keep him at the U's until at least the summer of 2019.

The 20-year-old stopper has enjoyed a memorable season, starring on loan

at Oxford City in their FA Cup run before winning rave reviews since joining Tamworth in January.

Stevens said he was "more than happy to sign a new deal", adding: "The club has been fantastic and I want to push on from here and try to earn more chances in the first team squad if I can."

■ United travel to 19th-placed AFC Wimbledon in a massive game on Saturday and are next in action at Grenoble Road against Peterborough United on March 17.

Van Kessel in line for call-up to Curacao national squad

OXFORD United forward Gino van Kessel has been provisionally named in the Curacao squad for two games against Bolivia.

The 24-year-old, on loan from Slavia Prague, has scored seven goals in 17 games for his country and has been chosen in the pre-selection group for

the games in Curacao against Bolivia on March 23 and 26.

Head coach Remko Bicentini will announce the final selection tomorrow (Friday).

Van Kessel has scored five goals in 21 games for the U's in all competitions this season. His last

goal came in the 3-1 home win over Milton Keynes Dons on New Year's Day.

If selected it would be the second call up for United players this month after Shandon Baptiste was called-up for the Grenada squad to play Belize on March 22.

Tough decision to let midfielder Pearce go

OXFORD City boss Mark Jones admitted releasing David Pearce was 'a very tough decision' to make.

The winger found himself out of favour following a change in system and departed Court Place Farm last week.

Pearce, who has already signed for Chesham United, will be remembered fondly by City fans for his impact in their historic FA Cup run to the second round proper.

The midfielder scored a crucial second equaliser against Leiston before providing valuable assists in wins over Bognor Regis Town (fourth qualifying round) and Colchester United (first round).

Pearce was a regular this season, making 32 appearances for the Hoops, including 28 starts and four substitute appearances, scoring four goals.

It was his consistency in the team that meant "it was not an easy decision to let Dave go," gaffer Jones said.

"I've got a lot of time for Dave, he's a very good player with a good attitude, and I've enjoyed working with him



David Pearce crosses for Matt Paterson's winner against Colchester United in the FA Cup first round. Picture: Michael Allen

over the past seven or eight months.

"I felt that with our change of shape, playing with three up front, that he's fighting against Matt Paterson, Sam Nombe, Ezra Forde, Zac McEachran

and Rob Sinclair, I just felt that his opportunities would be limited."

City host second-placed Havant & Waterlooville on Saturday as they chase a fourth successive league win.



Pep Clotet even treated himself to a new suit prior to getting back into football. Pictures: Pep Clotet/@pepclotet

Blues role a good fit for Pep

SIX weeks since his sacking, ex-Oxford United boss Pep Clotet has managed to bag another job – and treat himself to a new suit – while his former club plods along with its manager hunt.

The Spaniard, sacked by the U's in January, has been reunited with Garry Monk at Championship strugglers Birmingham City.

Clotet will be Monk's assistant, as he was at Swansea City and Leeds United prior to his seven-month stint at the Kassam. He has signed a contract until 2021.

"It is great to be back with Pep," Monk, sacked by Middlesbrough in December, said. "He brings a wealth of experience, he's a very good coach and he will bring that to these players."

He added: "Me and Pep right from the very beginning at Swansea worked incredibly well, we have a great relationship.

"We know how each other works, which is always a benefit.

"If at any point after [Pep went into management] that our stars aligned and we had the opportunity to go back and work together, it was always in agreement.

"He brings a wealth of experience, he's a very good coach and very experienced and he will bring that to these players and the staff as well."

Former Accrington Stanley gaffer James Beattie and ex-goalkeeper Darryl Flahavan have also joined the Blues' backroom staff following Steve Cotterill's sacking on Saturday.

SkyBet League 1		GP	GD	PTS
1	Blackburn Rovers	36	32	73
2	Shrewsbury Town	34	19	68
3	Wigan Athletic	32	39	67
4	Rotherham United	34	19	62
5	Scunthorpe United	36	10	57
6	Plymouth Argyle	35	1	53
7	Charlton Athletic	33	2	51
8	Peterborough United	34	9	50
9	Bradford City	34	-3	50
10	Bristol Rovers	35	-2	49
11	Portsmouth	35	-2	49
12	Gillingham	35	0	46
13	Walsall	36	-5	44
14	Southend United	34	-12	44
15	Doncaster Rovers	35	-1	42
16	Oxford United	34	-2	42
17	Blackpool	34	-2	42
18	Oldham Athletic	34	-10	39
19	AFC Wimbledon	35	-12	38
20	Northampton Town	35	-22	38
21	Fleetwood Town	34	-11	37
22	MK Dons	35	-16	32
23	Rochdale	31	-9	29
24	Bury	34	-12	29



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Left-field appointment on the horizon as search continues

Tiger plans one more face-to-face meeting with contenders

By George Welch

NEW Oxford United owner Sumrith 'Tiger' Thanakarnjanasuth will meet the potential new manager this week, as the club's search for a new boss drags on.

No one can blame irritated U's fans for getting impatient as the managerless side edges towards the League One relegation zone.

The hunt for Pep Clotet's replacement has extended into its sixth week as the new owner, despite promising a new appointment last week, calls for patience.

Tiger called for more time last week as interviews with shortlisted candidates continued.

In an update on Tuesday, he said he wants to meet a candidate one more time 'towards the end of the week' before finalising a deal.

He said: "I have talked to some outstanding candidates over the last week or so and just want one more opportunity to meet them face-to-face towards the end of the week."

"I am not old school – I can communicate in a number of ways and am working every day on this and if we can conclude things quickly that's great."

In an ambitious twist, the Thai businessman said that, if the new boss wins 10 out of 12 matches, the play-offs are still in reach.

Twelve games remain of the League One season, suggesting a new man could be in the dugout by Saturday's trip to AFC Wimbledon.

Tiger added: "We are looking for

Names in the frame

Latest odds from SkyBet:

Patrick Kluivert	11/10
Steve McClaren	9/4
Brian McDermott	5/2
Michael Beale	14/1
Alan Stubbs	16/1
Mark Warburton	25/1

the right man to make an immediate impact and lift things.

"I want to make the fans so proud of this club and to do that I will always aim high.

"At the very least we will have a manager in place for the last 10 or 11 games who will have a chance to get to know the players, the coaching staff and the club and be able to see the full picture so they are not starting from zero this summer."

United are in wretched form though and, just five points above the trapdoor, look like they will be involved in a relegation battle.

The Yellows were 10th, eight points off both the play-offs and the bottom four, when Clotet was sacked.

Tiger could make another left field appointment, with Netherlands legend Patrick Kluivert now the favourite to get the job.

The Yellow Army fans group member Simon Hathaway told talkSPORT this week that he is wary but not against a left field selection.

"I don't think fans would be too upset with a left field appointment, we'll just have to wait and see how it goes," he said.

City put United through the hoop

Oxford City goal scorer
Matt Paterson with
United's Ivo Pekalski
Picture: Steve Daniels



OXFORD City claimed bragging rights over neighbours Oxford United thanks to a shot from distance in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup semi-final on Tuesday.

Hoops striker Matt Paterson's 21st goal of the season gave the home side a 1-0 victory to set up a final clash with either Banbury United or Kidlington who play the other semi-final next week.

Manager Mark Jones said: "I'm

pleased for Matt because he's had some bad news this week, his grandfather passed away yesterday and it hit him hard. It was touch and go whether he could play tonight.

"But he got out there for us and scored the winning goal so I'm sure he'll dedicate that one to his granddad.

"We had another bit of bad news with [general manager] Justin Merritt's father passing away on

Sunday as well so our condolences go to the two families.

"But on the football side of things, it's nice to get the winning habit, it's four wins on the spin.

"Our aim is to go and produce a good performance on Saturday and see if we can keep kicking on in the league."

City face a daunting trip to second placed Havant and Waterlooville on Saturday.

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